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CJFWF Moves Toward Peace With UJA

NEW ORLEANS TEMPLE GIVES BUNCHE HALL FOR UNSEGREGATED AUDIENCE

NEW ORLEANS—Dr. Ralph Bunche, former United Nations mediator for Palestine, was provided with the opportunity to address an unsegregated audience in this deep South city this week when the Temple Sinai offered its hall to the Negro statesman.

The offer was disclosed by Rabbi Julian B. Feibleman, who told his congregation through the Temple Bulletin that the Inter-racial Committee of New Orleans "requested the use of the Temple because other public auditoriums were not available for such a meeting."

"To me, it would have been an unspeakable outrage to deny Dr. Bunche a platform and an opportunity to speak to this community," Rabbi Feibleman told his congregation.

The rabbi said he anticipated criticism from both the general community and from his own congregation but that he was proud that his board had voted to back his acceptance of the committee's request.

Agreement Reached On 1950 UJA; USNA Dispute Compromise Set

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CINCINNATI—The division of funds between the three partners in the United Jewish Appeal for 1950 was announced to the delegates to the 18th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds last week. The announcement that agreement had been reached was made by Moses Leavitt, executive vice chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee.

The announcement revealed that a compromise has been reached to end a dispute over the share for the United Service for New Americans, which had threatened reconstitution of the UJA for 1950. The other two partners are the United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee.

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The agreement provides that of the first $50,000,000 raised, 60 per cent will go to the United Palestine Appeal and 40 per cent to the JDC.

Of the next $25,000,000, seventy per cent will go to the UPA and 30 per cent to the JDC. On all money raised over $75,000,000, the division will be 75 and 25 per cent.

The division will be based on the net amount remaining after deduction of expenses and the amount finally allocated to USNA and the New York Association for new Americans, its New York City affiliate.

The agreement on that allocation calls for leaving the negotiation of a final solution to a special committee of five. The committee will be made up of two representatives of the JDC, two of the UPA and a fifth to be chosen by the four.

The committee will determine how much the USNA and NYANA will get and also will act on any problems involving policy.

Leavitt said that the USNA and the NYANA had been given no priorities and no guarantees.

CONVENTION OF WELFARE FUNDS REAFFIRMS LOCAL RIGHTS STAND

Other Convention Stories Inside

By G. M. COHEN

CINCINNATI—(NJP)—The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds threw its weight this week solidly behind the principle that local Jewish communities have the right and the responsibility to make their own decisions on basic policies.

The stand represented the major decision of the 18th General Assembly of the CJFWF, which represents the 265 local federations and welfare funds in the United States.

In an important resolution passed at the final session, and in what little floor discussion developed Friday, and in the speech of Stanley Myers of Miami, who was re-elected for another year as president, that position was emphasized.

However, despite lack of formal action on other points of dispute with U.S. national Jewish organizations — princpally the United Jewish Appeal—there was virtually no disagreement.

The Assembly did not act on the major issues of capital fund drives and pre-campaign budgeting but Myers, in his annual address, took positions not fundamentally different from those taken by the Thanksgiving national conference of the UJA.

In the Sunday morning sessions attended by communities of like size, there were some bitter words against the tactics of the UJA in trying to make the best bargain for itself as against the total responsibilities of the local Jewish communities, but these reactions were not carried out in floor action or even floor debate.

A Quiet Convention

The convention on the whole was largely devoid of the controversy which has characterized past CJFWF conclaves. UJA director Henry Montor, flanked by Moses Leavitt, of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Julian Venezky of Peoria, the UJA's new national campaingn director, sat almost motionless as the important second resolution, of which they had advance notice, was passed. It read:

"Be it resolved that the General Assembly reaffirms the right and responsibility of each local community to make the final determination of its campaign goal and of its budget allocations, which right and responsibility is basic to unified and succussful communal fund-raising. This places upon each community the responsibility to give the fullest consideration to the requests for funds of the UJA and other agencies."

The resolution only obliquely took exception to the UJA's position as outlined at the national conference. The UJA declared then that other agencies should not "ride on the back" of the UJA anl that the UJA had the right to know in advance what it would receive from local campaigns.

Hits National Agencies

In his presidential speech, Myers attacked national agencies, telling them they were in error in believing that "by attempting to minimize some needs, you can build up recognition of others."

He criticized the belief that less money will be raised in 1950 than this year as sure to lead to disaster. "The needs are there and the funds are there," he said.

On the issue of capital fund drives, he said that while no two cities were alike that "experience to date indicates that where no sizeable capital funds are required, they generally can be raised more successfully in separate drives for that purpose."

Stand on Budgeting

"With regard to budgeting we have long felt that pre-campaign budgeting has great merits, and they may be especially pertinent in 1950," he said. "Contributors have a right to know in advance how their gifts will be divided."

(Excerpts from Myers' speech inside).

Chairmen of three major committees reported at the opening session Friday. They were Julian Freeman of Inlianapolis on Stable and Unified Fund-Raising, Bernard F. Kopkind of New Haven on Multiplicity of Campaigns, and Herbert Abeles of Newark on National-Local Relationship.

One important decision, which may have far-reaching consequences was the convention action Friday authorizing negotiations with agencies other than the UJA on unified and stable funl-raising. The resolution declared that "We wish to make it clear that these recommendations and findings still leave many problems unsolved with reference to unity and stability of national fund-raising. Only a beginning has been made toward progress. This report deals mainly with the UJA as the largest national question in unified and stable fund-raising but the problem is by no means exclusively limited to UJA. Other phases deserve and should have attention. We recommend, therefore, that a standing committee of the Council continue to give study to these questions."

Ask Israel Budget

A session Friday urged establishment in Israel "of a central philanthropic bulget and a central philanthropic fund."

The issue was raised of whether Hadassah and te U.S. Histadrut, which now conducts independent drives in the U.S. were included in that action. Myers replied that it was hoped that the forthcoming World Zionist Congress would act on the problem; since the two organizations had received authorization for their drives from that body, it was felt that only the Congress could alter the situation. Only one vote was registered in opposition.

The delegates also voted for more inclusive studies of the budgets of national agencies operating in the U.S. That service is now being provided, but the resolution would emphasize and enlarge the area of work.

The delegates expressed dissatisfaction that the CJFWF had been left out of negotiations by which the 1950 UJA was reconstituted. The CJFWF was not invited to sit in on the final negotions, which lasted several weeks.

Abeles characterized the success of efforts of the CJFWF with the UJA as from 45 to 50 per cent effective.

In discussing the report of the committee on multiple campaigns, Herman Pekarsky of Newark, reported on the confusion in his community, where the Revisionist Zionists have conducted separate campagns.

Pekarsky said that when the community protested to the national officers of the Jewish National Fund against a dinner held recently in Newark, the officials retorted "It doesn't hurt you, it helps."

Pekarsky said that a minister of Israel addressed the JNF dinner, despite assurance to the CJFWF that no Israeli official would participate in any unauthorized campaign.

Kopkind told the conference that the United Palestine Appeal, the JDC, the United Service for New Americans and the CJFWF all have tried to convince the Jewish Agency that multiple drives meant a loss in the net amount eventually raised but that he felt the point had not penetrated in full.

He said he felt that the Agency believed it was more an issue of clearance and timing and that Agency officials still believe that the more campaigns, the more money.

Chelsea Jewish Merchants Claim Business Hurt By Plea To Ban Christmas Carols in Schools

(Earlier Story Inside)

By HARRY CUSHING
National Jewish Post Correspondent

CHELSEA, Mass.—(NJP)—Several Jewish concerns indicated this week that business had fallen off as a result of a petition by a Chelsea Jewish family asking that singing of Chrismas carols be banned in local public schools.

A public hearing was set for this week on the appeal of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Wolper, who have a son in a Prattville elementary school. The petition said that it made the Wolper child "unhappy" because the Christmas carols were sung.

Prominent Jewish leaders were joining with their non-Jewish neighbors in a bid to get the public hearing halted.

The Chelsea RECORD, local daily, said in a front page editorial that "no good and perhaps much harm, might come from such a hearing." The editorial reported that "the large majority of those who have contacted its office are of the Jewish faith and all feel that the entire situation is casting an unfavorable reflection on the Jewish people."

The editorial added that "several Jewish parsons with a high standing in the community wish it to be known that they do not in any way subscribe to the opinion of Abraham Wolper and are far from sympathetic to his belief that the singing of Christmas carols should be banned in the public schools."

An implied charge of ghettoization came from the "Pilot," semi-official organ of the Catholic archdiocese of Boston.

The paper said in an editorial that "It is hard to believe that the traditional singing of Christmas songs will make many Jewish children 'unhappy.' It is unlikely that their parents, occupying honored places in American life, would wish to wall them up in an ostrich-like ghetto without recognition of the way of life followed by the majority of those with whom they live."

"This disagreeable incident in itself is of no great importance,' the paper added. "But its implications are highly unpleasant. If Jewish pressure , for example, were brought to bear on the Jewish merchants of Chelsea, and elsewhere, to overlook the holiday and refuse to carry Christmas merchandise, with the accompanying decorations and usual promotion, a very real damage might ensue to a friendly and cooperative group of our fellow citizens."

One large department store here published a statement in the Chelsea daily, stating that its owners in no way approve the request for a ban on carols and asserting that the bid represented the stand only of an individual.

New York

HEBREW CERTAIN TO UNDERGO GREAT REVIVAL IN ISRAEL SOON

By M. Z. FRANK

I DON'T know where Horace Kallen got his idea about Hebrew in Israel that it "is still not the living language of the home, the field, the factory, and the market place."

Horace Kallen delivered a paper at a Congress of Hebrew Culture last summer which the editor of the Jewish Frontier saw fit to publish in the August issue. Whatever merit the published address may have, it certainly contains a misstatement about the place of Hebrew in Israel. When Judge Louis Levinthal challenged Kallen's view, the latter replied, with hauteur, that the Judge is carried away by his emotions. (Exchange between Levinthal and Kallen in December issue of the Jewish Frontier.)

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I am not discussing the merit of the exchange in general. But anybody who says that "Hebrew is still not the living language of the home, the field, the factory, and the market place," is making a gross misstatement. I have been to Israel twice within one year, and I have heard Hebrew spoken in the home, in the field and in the market place. I met native sabras who hardly know any other language at all. I met many who speak Hebrew with much greater fluency than any other language, though they were not born in Palestine and Hebrew is not their mother tongue.

Of course, not all Jews in Israel are as intimate with Hebrew as a Frenchman is with French. To many who were not born in the country, Hebrew is still an acquired language. Many do not speak it well. Many know only a few words. The proportion of the non-Hebrew speakers has now increased with the large immigration But there for the past 50 years there has been a nucleus—an ever growing nucleus—of Jews in the country whose language is Hebrew and who speak it "in the home, the field, the factory, and the market place."

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THE QUESTION MAY BE ASKED—and I think Mr. Kallen asked the question in his original article—is there any chance that Hebrew in Israel will develop a great literature?

I think there is. Let us take a few examples from history.

After the Roman intellectuals acquired Greek culture and adopted the Latin language to match their new needs, there came a period of great flowering in Latin literature; after the French period of adaptation came the great French classics; after the period of English Renaissance came Shakespeare; after Lomonosov and Karamzin in Russia came Pushkin. In each case the flowering of literature came on the heels of the adaptation of the language to contemporary needs and a period of great national revival of expansion.

Since the days of Moses Mendelssohn the Hebrew language and literature have been going through a period of adaptation to modern needs. With the revival of Hebrew as a spoken language in Palestine, this process has been accelarated. With the establishment of the State of Israel, the rebirth of Hebrew has been given a new impetus. Here you have the adaptation and the national revival with its tremendous impact on the mentality of the people. Judging by past examples in history, Hebrew is in for a great era of creativity.

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BY ADAPTATION is meant bringing the language up to the most advanced state of contemporary culture. In this respect there are still some gaps left to be filled in Hebrew. For instance, scientific and technical literature in Hebrew though it exists, is still very poor. In the newly-opened medical school in Jerusalem, the lectures are given mostly in Hebrew, but the texts used are English.

One thing that has been sadly missing is an Encyclopedia, on the style of the Britannica.

But the first volume already is out—and, I think, it is a great event. As I am typing this column, the first volume is before me. It is the first of the proposed 16 volumes. It has 1024 pages, and runs from A to Australia.

I spent a whole day leafing through the volume and reading here and there.

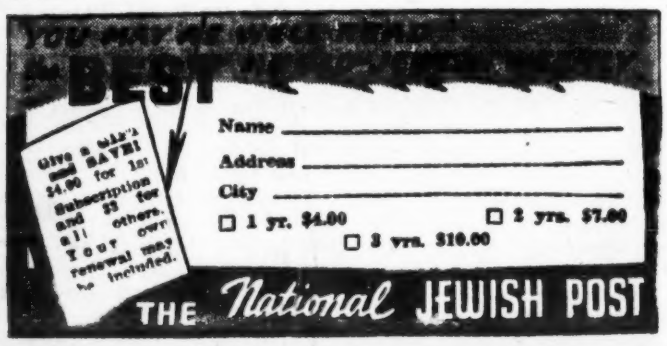
The editorial board of the "Encyclopedia Hebraica" (its official Latin name) is in Jerusalem. The work was done while Jerusalem was being shelled. But it is a beautiful volume, richly illustrated, written in a beautiful precise style and containing abundant information on general, Jewish and Israeli subjects.

The publication of the first volume of the Encyclopedia Hebraica in Jerusalem is an important event in Jewish cultural history.

Jerusalem Producing Penicillin For Export

JERUSALEM—The first consignment of $54,000 worth of penicillin in crystal form, manufactured here, will be exported to Rumania prior to its appearance on the local market. The penicillin is being sent under the exchange trade agreement at present in operation between Israel and Rumania.

Enquiries for further exports of penicillin have come from of charge until the local inhabit- other Eastern European States as well as Scandinavia, which prefer buying from Israel because payment in goods, rather than dollars, is accepted.



Excerpts From Talk By Myers At CJFWF 18th General Assembly

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CINCINNATI—Following are excerpts from the talk delivered by Stanley Myers of Miami, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, at the 18th General Assembly of the CJFWF last weekend:

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The honeymoon for our community organizations is over. This year, for the first time in a decade, we raised less than the year before. While it was the second best achievement in our history, it was still 17 percent below 1948, on the average. Many reasons can be cited and have been the economic recession especially. You know them as well as I.

Much as many of our people might wish, the job is not finished. We still cannot rest on our oars. But, in the same breath, let us say that we came a long way in 1949. It was a year of tremendous achievement. It included the mass transfer of hundreds of thousands of our brethern in a manner which has few parallels in all history. We made a great contribution to the rebuilding of lives, of a country —indeed, of a society.

Another misconception I have already alluded to, is the segmentation of our responsibilities into water—tight compartments, as if they had nothing to do with each other. There is no real distinction between local and non-local responsibilities. In the final analysis, in its living reality, every responsibility is a local noe—whether the people in need are overseas, or in some other city in America, or in our own backyard.

No, I think the answer is clear. In their final analysis all of these problems are our problems, our communities' problems, our "local" problems. And that is precisely why we have, all of us in all our communities, poured out our means and our energies to meet them. And it is because they are *our* problems, the problems and responsibilities of *every* Jew—and because they have that inherent inter-relationship, that we have pooled our manpower and our resources to meet them unitedly and successfully through our Jewish Welfare Funds.

Let me try to clear away two other road-blocks which must be removed before we can make any real progress. They are closely related. One is that by attempting to minimize some needs, you can build up recognition of others. The natural consequence is that the group under attack retaliates in kind by trying to tear down the attacker. From that process, nobody gains.

Healthy competition is sound. But is must be the kind of competition in which each protagonist competes by strengthening his own case in terms of its intrinsic merits ,not by blasting what he belives t obe his competitor. For let us never forget, that while agencies may be competitors nationally, they are *partners* where it really counts—within the Welfare Fund—and no success was ever achieved by any enterprise through the process of partner attacking partner.

The danger of attack and counter-attack grows out of the other fallacy, namely that we are bound to raise less in 1950 than in 1949 ,and that each interest must concentrate on getting a larger percentage of a smaller total.

Item number two on our agenda is to assess our responsibilities—all of them—in terms of their relative urgency, in 1950. This Assembly in previous years, and other planning bodies, have spoken of the need for a "balance" in our operations. That balance is not static; needs change, and proportions change.

What is essential is that we probe those needs on the basis of all of the facts we can gather, that we know them fully and accurately, and that we understand their implications. The principles are the same, whether the people and agencies involved have an address in our own communities, or in New York, or overseas.

Item number three is that we use those facts to plan more wisely and more intelligently than we have ever done before. Inherent in that planning are basic questions from which there is no real escape. Are the funds being spent as effectively as possible? Are the services as good as they should and could be? Is there waste which can and should be eliminated?

Two questions are especially current in many communities as we try to plan ahead for 1950. One is, what shall we do about local capital funds? The other is, how shall we budget? We have a solid body of experience for dealing with both.

Our responsibility for planning the capital expansion of our communal agencies is no less than that for planning their operations. For our Federations and Welfare Funds to close our eyes to them does not mean that these projects will lie dormant. On the contrary, it would mean independent campaigns by every agency without any sense of proportion or relative need, inevittable waste and some communal tragedies that might plague the communities for many years to come.

If the community decides that capital needs are so urgent that they must be met in 1950, it must decide how to raise them—as part of the welfare fund drive or in a special campaign. Conditions differ from city to city, and no two have exactly the same set of factors. I believe we can say, however, that experience to date indicates that where sizeable capital funds are required, they generally can be raised more successfully in a separate drive for that purpose. Where minor amounts are involved, communities have successfully included them in their annual drives.

With regard to budgeting, it is certain to involve problems and difficulties we have not had to face until 1949, and then only partially. We have long felt that pre-campaign budgeting had great merits, and they may be especially pertinent in 1950. Campaign goals ,both as a matter of campaigning and budgeting ,should be the total of the obligations which the community must meet. Contributors, too, have a right to know in advance how their gifts will be divided. If this cannot always be done precisely by individual agencies, communities have demonstrated fields of service, with clear pro- that it can at least be done by vision for alternative possible results.

Meeting Begins Task Of Naming New Board For Revamping JTA

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NEW YORK—A meeting was held here Tuesday to begin the long-awaited selection of a new board for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, major press association serving the Anglo-Jewish press.

It was understood that Jacob Landau, managing director, had turned over all his stock in the JTA to the new board, five of whose members were to have been selected Tuesday by a group of non-partisan Jewish leaders.

Agreement on that proposal was worked out at a special meeting of the present JTA board in September. (NJP, Sept. 23.)

It was understood that the Overseas News Agency, an auxiliary of the JTA, which supplies Jewish news and feature articles to the general press, will be divorced entirely from the JTA.

There also was speculation about the formation of a new agency in Israel, which Landau would head. It would act as the official Israeli news agency like Reuthers for England, according to the report.

Relationship Unclear

The relationship between the rumored new Israeli agency and the JTA was not indicated in the report.

The status of the JTA, which receives most of its annual budget from U.S. Jewish communities in the U.S., which joint General Assembly last weekend of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in Cincinnati.

The Large Cities Budgeting Committee of the CJFWF, made up of the 30 largest Jewish communities i nthe U.S., which jointly raise the most money for Jewish causes, declined to drop its idea of an investigation of the entire structure of the JTA.

L. A. Welfare Strike Cripples Some Work

LOS ANGELES, — Officials of the struck Jewish Welfare Federation said this week that "hundreds of volunteers" were coming in to handle the work left unmanned by a walkout of 150 workers.

The strike was called last week by the CIO United Office and Professional workers over wage demands.

Union workers for the local Jewish Community Council refused to cross picket lines. The local there also seeks wage boosts.

Federation officials said that some work of their agencies had been crippled by the strike, reportedly the first ever called against Jewish social agencies.

They said the wage demands would mean an increase in annual operating costs of $100,000 a year.

Chicago ZOA To Stage Public Chanukah Fete

CHICAGO, —(N J P) — Some 4,000 of Chicago's Jewry were expected this week for the annual Chanukah celebration with a dramatic pageant in the Chicago Civic Opera House Dec. 18.

The pageant, "Israel Lives," is being staged by the Zionist Organization of Chicago.

CJFWF Resolution Slaps ADL For Action In Opening Illinois Office Over Local Objections

National Jewish Post

CINCINNATI—A resolution adopted at the 18th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds was understood this week to have been aimed, at least in one case, at the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for opening a public relations office over the objections of the local Jewish community.

The resolution declared that "responsibility for the establishment of program in any given community or area should rest primarily with the individual community or area itself."

The resolution would make the CJFWF, which represents the nation's 265 local federations and welfare funds, the mediator in cases where agreement between the community and the national agency could not be achieved by direct negotiation.

Isaiah Nimkoff, executive director of the National Community Relations Advisory Council argued for an amendment which would refer disputes to the NCRAC, national coordinating agency for U. S. Jewish civic defense groups. The ADL is a member of the NCRAC.

Nimkoff said that referring such disputes to the CJFWF would cause a conflict since the NCRAC was an offspring of the CJFWF.

The resolution grew out of a situation in the Southern Illinois Jewish Federation where the ADL announced plans to open an office. The dispute was referred to the NCRAC which conducted a survey.

Before the results of the survey could be presented to the area's Jewish leadership, the ADL opened the office in Springfield, Ill. Since that time, the survey has been studied and an agreement reached between the ADL and the local Jewish leadership.

During the debate on the resolution, Sidney Hollander, a former NCRAC president, cited an agreement by the national agencies that they would not open local offices without prior consultation with local Jewry. He said the only way to deal with violation by national agencies of such commitments was to withhold allocations to them.

The amendment to refer disputes to the NCRAC was defeated.

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Agency To Announce Definite List Of Approved 1950 Israel Drives

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CINCINNATI—The U.S. Jewish community was given a promise this week of a definite list of authorized fund-raising campaigns for Israel in 1950 limited to 12 to 15 organizations.

The prediction was made by Bernard P. Kopkind of New Haven, Conn., chairman of the committee on multiplicity of campaigns of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

"We can expect in 1950 a definite list of authorized campaigns from the Jewish Agency limited to perhaps 12 to 15 agencies," Kopkind told the 18th General Assembly of the CJFWF here last weekend.

"The Jewish Agency will also issue definite rulings that a large number of other campaigns are not authorized and therefore do not merit community support," he added, in reporting on the work of his committee during the past year.

Kopkind reported there has been "substantial progress toward reducing the problem of multiple campaigns" in the U.S. for Israel but added that many problems "still wait for comprehensive and permanent solutions."

Not Just Israel

The New Haven communal leader said that the attention of his committee was not limited to campaigns for Israel.

"Multiplicity of programs and fund-raising efforts exists in community relations, national health institutions, cultural and religious activities, and European and Moslem overseas services," he said, adding that some of those problems had been approached through channels other than his committee.

He listed as gains the end of the Joint Distribution Committee's SOS campaign, the elimination of the campaign launched by the Committee for the Forgotten Million "and the beginning of discussions on the possibility of having JDC take over responsibility for the overseas institutions now receiving aid through the Jewish Labor Committee."

"A major development which has not yet been announced, but which is a virtually assured, is that there will be a joint campaign for institutions of higher education" in Israel, he reported.

"Included will be the Weizmann Institute, Hebrew University and Haifa Technion. As soon as the agreement is signed among these institutions, the joint campaign will undoubtedly receive authorization from the Jewish Agency," he said.

When It Started

The Jewish Agency began its work in March of this year, and set up a Committee on Control and Authorization of Campaigns to function in both the U.S. and Israel.

The development followed rejection of a plan worked out at a conference in Tel Aviv in July calling for an overall UJA campaign, to include all U.S. fund-raising for Israel. The plan was developed by Henry Montor, director of the 1949 United Jewish Appeal campaign.

It was torpedoed when Hadassah and the U. S. Histadrut rejected it and insisted on maintaining their traditional independent fund-raising.

The new Jewish Agency committee promptly opened a fight on wildcat fund-raising in the U. S. for Israel, based on a licensing system. Every project seeking funds in the U.S. next year for Israel must apply to that committee for authorization.

Kopkind revealed that a complete list of authorizations would be published around Dec. 21.

Another indication that the Jewish Agency committee did not intend to tangle with U. S. Zionist groups was Kopkind's comment that "it is also expected that other Zionist groups, such as the Pioneer Women (the women's branch of U.S. Labor Zionism) and the Mizrachi (religious-Zionist) Women, who have conducted campaigns in the past, will be authorized to raise funds in 1950 within hte general limits of their previous activities."

More Unsolved Problems

"One major problem facing the Jewish Agency is how to deal with Zionist party groups such as the Zionist Organization of America, Revisionists and Agudath Israel, who claim the right to raise funds for projects in Israel on the same grounds as the labor and Mizrachi organizations," Kopkind reported.

"The Agency has been negotiating with them over special grants in return for a promise that they will not do campaigning," he said.

He added that an agreement had been reached with the ZOA "although there is still some uncertainty about several ZOA projects such as the ZOA House in Israel and the Israel Equipment Project."

"According to our latest information, an agreement has also been reached with Agudath Israel, and there will be no Agudath Israel campaign in the United States in 1950," he reported.

Popkind was critical of the arrangements with the major agencies, such as Hadassah and Histadrut on grounds the agreements "are not subject to any thorough review of their goals or scope of campaigning." He said the problem still remained of how to integrate such groups fully with major campaigns and how to avoid diversion of money and manpower.

Still Too Easy

"Even where the Jewish Agency is attempting to limit the scope of campaigns, considerable room is still allowed for independent activity," he said. "An example is that of the Red Mogen Dovid, which is free to solicit 'memberships' to a ceiling of $25, without any limitation on the number of 'members.'"

"The major shortcoming thus far in the Jewish Agency's program, as we see it, is that there is still no overall philanthropic budget for Israel and therefore no real definition of the relative needs presented by the various agencies and the degree of priority among them," he said.

Popkind also reported no progress had been made in the efforts of the CJFWF to end the overlapping and duplication of services between the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) and the Joint Distribution Committee overseas, and between HIAS and the United Services for New Americans in refugee handling in the U.S.

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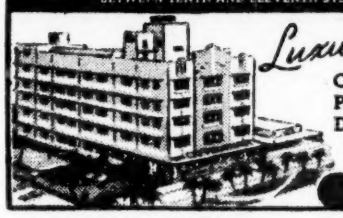
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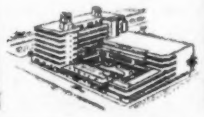

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Digest Of The Yiddish Press

IRAN SHAH'S 90,000 JEWS LIVE IN POVERTY AND TERROR

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

WHILE the Shah of Iran was hobnobbing with politicians and debutantes and being patted on the back by Pres. Truman, the FORWARD decided to have a peek at the condition of the 90,000 Jews in the monarch's kingdom. What they found was appalling. Poverty, low-grade citizenship, and terror is the lot of the Iranian Jew. Jewish children are forced to go to work at 10 years of age, and many of the famous luxurious Persian rugs are made with their sweat and anguish. Dr. L. Genes, Joint Distribution Committee medical director, recently returned from Iran and reported that the status of the Jews there is "pathetically hopeless."

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Undernourished and very superstitious, the people need medicine and schools. Much of the sickness is due to the generally insanitary conditions which prevail in the immaculate Shah's kingdom. In the middle of Teheran, where a million people live, an open canal spills out its begarbaged waters on all and sundry. This hitherto sha-sha story is supplied the FORWARD by I. Shmulevitch, of Paris.

Most of the Yiddish editorialists look with jaundiced eye upon the hearty welcome the Shah received here. It is quite obvious that the Shah's only virtue is his anti-Sovietism. Several writers characterized this diplomatic hoop-la as a "shach-spiel" (the Yiddish word, Shach, means both "shah" and "chess").

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Skouras Plans String Of Theaters In Israel

Hollywood may be crowded with Jewish filmagnates, but a non-Jew, Spyros Skouras, of Twentieth Century-Fox is the first big movie man to make a large scale investment in Israel.

When Skouras spoke glowing words about Israel at the recent UJA convention, he was not just being polite. He had just returned from the Jewish state and with so much enthusiasm that he decided to build a chain of theaters, "one in every town." (Z. Kershman, the DAY)

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Yehudi Just Can't Wait To Play For Germans

The stench of the crematoria still fouled the air of Germany, but Yehudi Menuhin was already concertizing there before German audiences with his pal, the Hitler-loving pianist Feuchtwanger. Recently, Menuhin returned to Germany and, this time, went out of his way to entertain the Germans on his own time and initiative. For this, he received the thanks of American Occupation Chief John McCloy.

The Jewish Violinist gets no praise for his pains from the DAY's M. Danzis, who cannot understand why "a Jew with such a fine name" should be so sweet "to the unrepentant murderers of one third of his people." The bitter title of Danzis' piece: "And Menuhin Fiddles!"

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Ads in Yiddish Press Know Their Readers

Advertisers know their readers. Hence, in the Yiddish press, Maxwell's Instant Coffee is termed "Shabbos coffee," and Nescatea is called "Sabbos tea," for, say the ads, both of them can be served without committing "chillul Hashabbos" (profanation of the Sabbath). And Aerowax sells its products to the readers of the Yiddish press through testimonials by prominent Jewish women.

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Some Jewish Notes on Church Attendance

Do Christians go to church? In the DAY, "B" reports on a study of church attendance and church support made by a commission of the Congregational Christian church.

In 1934, according to the study, 70 per cent of all pews in all churches were empty, Between 1930 and 1936, attendance declined by 25 per cent. Sunday School attendance has also dropped since 1900. In 1941-1942, there were fewer pupils in the Sunday schools of 20 major denominations, including the Catholic, than than in 1936.

In 1934, the average salary of the ministers in the United States 250,000 Christian houses of worship was $1,800, "less than that of a garbage collector." The per capita weekly contribution of Christians to their churches is 20 cents.

In 1929, when total earnings were 83 billion dollars, U.S. churches received a total of one and a half billion. By 1941, when the wealth of America rose to 200 billions, church receipts dipped to 1.2 billion. In the meantime, writes "B" criminologists disclose that "jail attendance" mounts and juvenile deliquency is soaring. Is there a connection between these two sets of statistics? "B" says he can't say.

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Chanukah Victory Gets Weird Symbol In N.Y.

An interesting finale to the struggle between Hebraism and Hellenism, recalled on Chanukah, is to be found in the New York public school system. The Greek language is now studied by only 14 of the hundreds of thousands of high school pupils.

Once a favorite subject, Greek is almost forgotten, and even some of the 14 Greek pupils are Jewish. But Hebrew is being studied by 5,000 New York students, with the number growing so steadily that soon it will catch up with Latin courses, now pursued by some 9,000 youngsters, primarily because it is still required for entrance into some colleges.

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Why Robberies Increase In Tel Aviv, For Sure

Channa, the famous Zionist gate-crasher, is now in Tel-Aviv, where robberies have of late increased. Recently, when the mayor of Tel Aviv was giving the key of the city to some distinguished guest, Channa's voice was heard in the surrounding crowd: "No wonder there're so many robberies in town. Everybody who comes here gets a key." (B. Tepper, in the AMERICAN).

Israel Skyscrapers, But 1st Only 12 Floors

TEL AVIV, Israel—Israel, will have its skyscrapers, though they won't be quite on the model of the towers of Manhattan.

James MacDonald, American ambassador to Israel, laid the cornerstone for what will be the largest and highest office building in the Middle East, costing $7,000,000.

The 12-story building is being erected by the Palestine Economic Corp. of New York.

British Reject New Sterling Talks

TEL AVIV,—The British government has refused Israel's request to negotiate additional releases of Israel sterling frozen in London, according to press dispatches. Well-informed sources say that the Treasury has decided not to release any additional sterling until the conclusion of current talks on a settlement of assets and liabilities of the Palestine Mandatory government.

"Davar" stressed that the money England is unwilling to repay constitutes Jewish national and private capital which Britain used during and after the war.

The newspaper contrasts Britain's attitude to Israel with the agreement to release one million pounds a month to Iraq—"a state which stabbed the democracies in the back during the war and now refuses to permit the flow of oil to Haifa."

I Think As I Please

BEN-GURION'S YOUTH STATEMENT WAS AN INVITATION, NOT THREAT

By CARL ALPERT

DAVID Ben-Gurion's invitation to American Jewish youth to come to Israel and to participate personally in the upbuilding of the Jewish State appears to shock many persons, even in the mild and revised form which the corrected statement has etaken. Yet that statement is consistent with the line and policy which have been followed since Israel came into being.

Early this summer, before leaving for Israel, I wrote an article in "The Chalutz" magazine under the title, "Is America the Exception in Jewish History?" Some of the words I wrote at that time bear repetition, for my observations in Israel amply confirmed and underlined what I had previously merely sensed or suspected.

Shortly after the establishment of the State of Israel, reports reached this country of a competition which had been launched among Israeli artists for the design of the new flag of the Jewish State. It may be recalled that preliminary decision seemed to have been made in favor of a design embodying a central motif of seven stars, as originally suggested by Herzl. There was some delay in the announcement, however, and then, quite suddenly, came word that the blue and white flag with the six-pointed star of David, the flag which for 50 years had been the banner of the Zionist movement and of Jews everywhere, would be the national ensign of Israel.

The motive for this selection, while discussed in the Hebrew press in Israel, appears to have been overlooked by Jews elsewhere, though it is based on a philosophy which may have far-reaching consequences on Jewish life in the Diaspora.

The decision to retain the Zionist flag, Israel felt, underlines the unity of the Jewish people, no matter where they live. A new flag would have accentuated political separation between the Jews of Israel and the Jews of the Galut. Israel does not recognize and, indeed, does not understand the desire of American Jews to maintain political separation. The peoplehood of Israel as they see it, and Zionism as they understand it, warrant no divisions based on temporary residence. The whole struggle at the World Zionist Actions Committee in Israel last summer over "separation" resulted not from clash of political ambitions but from divergences in philosophy of Jewish life.

The people of Israel and the leaders of the country are today dedicated to the major task, after assuring their own security, of liquidating the Diaspora. The existence of Jewish communities outside of Israel is an anomaly which they regard as contradictory to the existence of the Jewish State, and their thinking and their efforts are bent toward bringing about an orderly and systematic liquidation of those communities. Some Israeli leaders are more outspoken than others in this regard, but there appears to be a remarkable uniformity in the patterns of their thinking.

There can be little doubt that American Jewry is to be subjected to increasing pressure in this direction. Even today, when Israel's internal problems occupy the major part of its efforts and attention, one can already discern the beginning of what may later become a concerted and organized campaign to bring about mass migration of American Jews.

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THE ABOVE WORDS were written in June. And when I went to Israel thereafter I found every word doubly confirmed. Ben-Gurion's recent statement fits into the pattern very well.

This much must be understood, however. The American Jew will completely miss the whole point if he tends to view the invitation as part of a diabolical campaign on the part of the Israelis to ruin American Jews. Quite the opposite is intended. Basking in the warmth of their independence, enjoying the fruits of Zionism realized, conscious for the first time of the joys of a natural and untrammeled Jewish life, the people of Israel want to share their satisfaction and their spiritual comfort with all Jews. In effect they are saying to American Jews:

"You, too, have been Zionists. You, too, have helped to create this blessed home for the Jewish people. You, too, can share in it. Abandon your flesh-pots and your delusions of security, and sense what it is like to live like free Jews."

Alas, I am afraid that Israel does not understand American Jewry, and that all the appeals, under present circumstances, will for the most part fall on deaf ears. Even the so-called survivalists among us have become more assimilated than they realize, and entire new philosophies are being produced to rationalize resistance to Aliyah. I shall return to this subject again.

YESHIVA U. EXPECTS TO HAVE TOP CAGE TEAM THIS SEASON

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK, — Yeshiva University, more famed for its role as the nation's leading Orthodox seminary than for athletics, expects to have one of its best basketball teams in years this season.

Fifteen husky cagers are preparing for the coming basketball season in Yeshiva U's huge gymnasium.

In line with the school's philosophy, few of the hoopsters expect to make a career in athletics but they mean business just the same. The schedule this year of 17 games includes a big slice of the best cage teams in the New York metropolitan area.

Basketball has been on the Yeshiva sports menu for the past 15 years and plays an important part in the extra-curricular program of students in the College of Arts and Sciences.

With three of last season's starters among eight returning lettermen, plus three promising newcomers, prospects are the brightest since inauguration of the sport here, according to Coach Bernie Sarachek.

A Few Six-Footers

The return of Arthur Stein, a mere six-foot-six, who averaged 20 points a game last year, will be a big help. Also returning is Ruby Davidman, a sophomore from Brooklyn, who stands at six-two.

Others counted on heavily are Sophomore Nathan Krieger, a lad who towers up to six feet four, Marvin Hershkowitz, a floorman in the midget class at a mere six feet, and Captain Howard Danzig, a senior.

Iran-Expelled Jews Flown To Israel

TEL AVIV, Israel—The 1,470 Iraqui Jewish nationals expelled by the Iran Government are beflown from Iran to Israel in airliners flying direct from Teheran to Lydda airport ,it was reported this week.

The Jews were expelled in retaliation for alleged ill treatment of Iranian nationals by the Iraq Government. The Iranian ambassador in Washington said the fact that all but 30 of these expelled were Jews was merely a coincidence.

Israel authorities moved immediately to bring the Jews to Israel as soon as the expulsion was learned about, in order to save them from being deported to Iraq.

Public Hearing Ordered On Plea To Stop Carols In Chelsea School

CHELSEA, Mass.—A public hearing was scheduled this week by the Chelsea school committee on a petition protesting the singing of Christmas carols in Chelsea public schools on grounds they made Jewish children unhappy.

The petition was signed by Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Wolper, who have a son in an elementary school.

"My son is unhappy when his classmates ask him why he doesn't join in the singing of Christmas carols," Mrs. Wolper said in an appearance before the school committee. "This should be a happy season for all children. It's wrong for them to have songs some children feel they can't sing."

She said she failed in efforts to get the Parent-Teacher Association of the Prattville elementary school to go on record as formally opposing carols and pageant programs.

Chelsea schools have followed the trend of interfaith efforts in which Chanukah songs and symbols are represented in the classrooms.

J. F. Herlihy, school superintendent, pointed out that all children in the schools join in the singing of songs identified with Chanukah.

He nevertheless supported the proposal for a public hearing, asserting that "we try to have impartial programs of both Christian and Jewish songs to promote a feeling of tolerance and understanding among the school children."

A school official said that the public school population of Chelsea, a suburb of Boston, had equal proportions of Jewish and Roman Catholic children—about 45 per cent each—with the rest Protestant.

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ST. LOUIS RABBIS ASSOCIATION RAPS SCHOOL CHANUKAH SHOWS

National Jewish Post

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The St. Louis Rabbinical Association was on record this week in opposition to celebration of Chanukah festivals in the public schools.

Such celebrations have been growing in recent years in many communities as a proposed goodwill alternative to a fight barring all religious celebrations, particularly Christmas events, from public schools on the principle of separation of church and state.

The statement asserted that staging Chanukah festivals in public schools has not been successful and that it was a breach of the church-state separation principle.

"We feel keenly the need for religious education in the home and in the church and synagogue," the rabbis declared. "It is there where our best efforts and free endeavors should be made to inculcate the faith of the fathers."

Not in the Schools

But they argued that "the public schools are both the source and symbol of the great democratic processes which make no discrimination as to a pupil's race, color or religion. It is within the precincts of the public school that our boys and girls meet and associate purely as Americans."

The resolution urged all rabbis to oppose such interfaith efforts and asked parents to "respond to this resolution with full cooperation and support, and will discourage any effort, however well-intentioned to introduce the celebration of Chanukah or any other Jewish festival in the public schools."

UPA SPENDS MILLIONS

NEW YORK,—(NJP)—A total of $150,106,580 was spent in 1949 in Israel by agencies of Umted Palestine Appeal for immigration, rehabilitation and resettlement, it was reported this week.

Israeli Skeptical Of Bonn Goodwill

TEL AVIV, Israel—No official confirmation has been received in Israel of the report that Dr. Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of Western Germany, had announced that his government was ready to pay ten million German marks to Israel as a gesture of goodwill.

Public opinion in Tel Aviv holds that it is impossible to compensate the survivors of Nazi persecution with money, and that the Jewish people have a long and complicated reckoning with Germany which is not so easily settled.

Commenting on the report, "Haaretz" said that no gesture can obliterate the memory of the past; it would thus not be fitting to accept the offer. The newspaper suggested that the Government should arrange for a settlement of those claims to which the Jewish people and the State are entitled as of right, and not by virtue of goodwill.

If the Bonn Government is anxious to make amends for the crimes of the Nazis, it should pass legislation enabling Jewish claims to be met and should permit capital to be transferred to Israel in accordance with the country's needs, but Israel will accept no gifts from Germany, the paper said.

Open Anti-Semite Austria House Leader

VIENNA,—The speaker of the house of the new Austrian Parliment is a Catholic deputy who said in 1946 "I was, am and shall remain an anti-Semite," it was reported this week.

The disclosure developed in connection with a report on a fist-fight between deputies of the neo-Nazi Union of Independents and members of the other three parties represented in the new assembly.

The fight followed a statement by Dr. Fritz Stueber, a former member of the staff of Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels, in which he crudely insulted the victims of the Nazi horror.

Retired Newark Rabbi Dies At Age of 78

NEWARK, N.J.—Rabbi Jacob Chenitz, for many years before his retirement the spiritual leader of the Clinton Hill Talmud Torah and Congregation Adas Israel, died last week in his home here at the age of 78.

Retired for 20 years ,he had also served as rabbi of Congregation Mishnayes, also in Newark. He was born in Russia and came to the U.S. in 1909.

The first groups of Jews to leave Poland since emigration restrictions were relaxed arrived in Israel last week. There were 320 immigrants in the two ships.

Philadelphia Not So Brotherly

VIOLENCE USED BY NON-JEWS TO PUSH OUT JEWISH FAMILIES

PHILADELPHIA—Badgering and heckling of Jewish families in a few of the newer neighborhoods of Philadelphia by non-Jews seeking to force the Jewish newcomers out was reported on the rise this week.

"Thse badgering devices have included stuffing of drain pipes, throwing manure or garbage on steps or porches, breaking bottles in driveways, name-calling and using anti-Semitic epithets against adults and children, threatening to do bodily harm and sometimes resorting to actual violence," the Philadelphia Jewish TIMES reported in an editorial.

The weekly said that the Philadelphia Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) reported a sharp increase in complaints from Jewish homeowners over such incidents.

"The JCRC has been able, in most cases ,to settle differences by bringing about understanding and cooperation among the families involved," the editorial reported. "In several cases, however, the JCRC has found it necessary to go to court in order to get relief for the Jewish home-owners involved. The courts have placed these defendants under bond to keep the peace."

No Cause For Alarm

The editorial said that while the situation was "very unpleasant" there was no reason for alarm "and certainly no warrant for any retaliatory measures on the part of those who are victimized."

Readers were told that it was "extremely important that all complaints of this nature be communicated promptly to the JCRC before the situation gets completely out of hand."

75 P.C. Juguslav Jews Now In Israel

TEL AVIV,—During the last six months, 35,000 Jews have come to Israel from Bulgaria, according to a report made at a convention of Bulgarian immigrants in Tel Aviv. More than half of the 7,500 Jews left in Bulgaria intend to emigrate to Israel.

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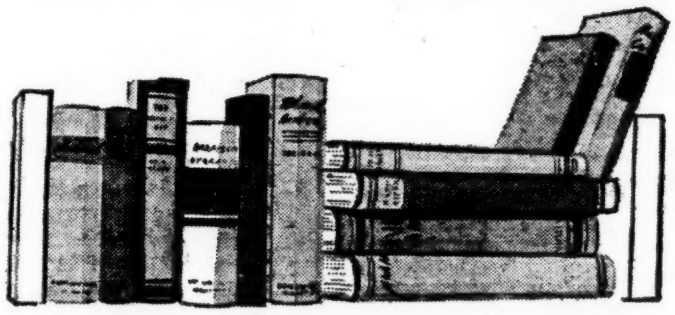

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NOTE: The winner of last week's contest will be announced next week.

Women in Conservative Synagogue Conduct Entire Service; Event Called "Sign of Times"

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Details of a service conducted entirely by women in a Conservative synagogue were disclosed this week.

The ceremony occurred in connection with the 25th anniversary of the Women's League of Beth El Temple in Minneapolis, Rabbi David Aronson, spiritual leader of the Temple and president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, reported in the current Bulletin of the Conservative rabbinate.

"A woman chanted the Kiddush in the presence of a large congregation at the late Friday night service," Rabbi Aronson reported in his "President's Message."

"Not only that but on the Sabbath morning following, at 11 o'clock, women conducted a second Minyon. The women took charge of the service while the men who had the courage remained to watch the Hiddush, the new experience in the history of the service."

Rabbi Aronson reported that the service included an abridged Shaharit conducted by women dressed in white robes and skull caps, who chanted the prayer before the Ark, read out of the scroll with the traditional chant, called up for Aliyot a Bat-Kohen, Bat-Levi, and so on.

The rabbinical leader said the women "chanted the Maftir better than most men could, blessed the new month and led two members of the Bat-Mitzvah class leading in the chanting of the Mussaf service. O yes, there was a short sermon on the Sidra of the week given by a woman, too."

Reaction of the men varied, according to Rabbi Aronson. A former president of the congregation said "It was a service done so beautifully, with dignity, knowledge and understanding. It was a profound religious experience. I'm all for it."

A less enthusiastic male congregant called the service "a revolutionary act" and expressed the fear that "now women will want the Aliyot." Then he added: "Perhaps this will spur the ment to guard their honors and to attend the synagogues more regularly."

Said Rabbi Aronson in comment, "It is the sign of the times," and he added, "The role of women in the synagogue presents a growing challenge which rabbis will not be able to ignore much longer."

Report From Hollywood

JABOTINSKY DIDN'T HELP WRITE "SAMSON AND DELILAH" SCENARIO

By SIMON WINCELBERG

THOSE puzzling ads, which credit the late Vladimir Jabotinsky, father of Revisionist Zionism, with having co-authored the screen treatment for "Samson and Delilah" have drawn the following explanation from Producer Cecil B. DeMille's research department:

Wincelberg

DeMille long ago purchased the rights to Jabotinsky's novel "Judge and Fool,', because it contained some angles on the Samson story DeMille thought he might use, and he wanted to be protected.

Actually, according to this source, not too much of Jabotinsky's material was used in the version finally filmed, which the Protestant Film Commission has just voted "The Picture of the Month."

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PLANS to make Israel the world film center of the Eastern Hemisphere may sound a trifle far-fetched at the moment, but a detailed letter just received by Dr. Otto Schirn, the western regional director of the United Palestine Appeal, from P. Dagany, the general secretary of the Barnaea project, shows what sounds like a real estate promoter's pipe-dream to be on the brink of being realized.

What Zvi Segal, one of the 36 signatories of Israel's Declaration of Independence—who is the originator of the idea—has in mind is a city which will be a world tourst attracton—be able to serve as a "gateway" to the Negev, Israel's southern desert; have a port for both maritime and luxury purposes; be a center of Israel folk art, and, mainly, in being able to offer excellent climatic and technical facilities, will serve as a source of income to Israel, and provide employment to many of its citizens.

Barnaea has recently been incorporated in Israel as a Public Limited Company, with a capitalzation of one million Israeli pounds. Total capital needed will be close to 20 million pounds, one fourth of it to be invested by citizens of Israel, who have already subscribed 80 per cent of their quota.

Segal, the managing director, is in Europe at present, negotiating with a group which is contemplating a half million pound investment. Discussions between Segal and Israel's Minister of Finance, Eliezer Kaplan, have already resulted in unprecedented tax concessions to help the project along. The Government, in addition, is planning to plant a national park near Barnaea which, as the most modern city in the world, will probably occupy close to 6,000,000 square meters in the Ashkalon area.

I suppose Barnaea will eventually be burdened with the catchy and depressing label, "Hollywood of the Middle East.' If that will encourage investments, however, I'm all for it.

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RABBI Solomon Goldman's plan to jettison the "unesthetic" and unrefined parts of Jewish observance, but to cling to "safeguards against idolatrous practices," reminds me of the story of the sinner who, after sitting through a fire-eating sermon on modern man's disregard of the Ten Commandments, regained the fresh air with the consoling thought, "Well, at least I never made a graven image."

With Chicago holding the bastions against idolatory, sinful Hollywood (sometimes referred to as Babylon-on-the-Pacific) can breathe easily once again.

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VANESSA BROWN, at present gainfully employed as Tarzan's mate, has been carried away by the momentum of her magnificent work for the United Jewish Appeal this year, and has asked for other work that she could do. As a result, she is now also active in behalf of Cedars of Lebanon hospital.

And speaking of hospitals, Harpo Marx, who played host at a United Jewish Welfare Fund meeting at his home this year, is almost single-handedly supporting West View hospital for Negroes.

Names In The News

SEN. DOUGLAS OUTLINES CASE OF POSSIBLE DUAL LOYALTIES

LATEST of U.S. distinguished non-Jews to join in the debate on the alleged issue of dual loyalties in Zionism is Sen. PAUL H. DOUGLAS, Illinois Democrat, who said that "the question of double loyalty could arise only if the American community as a whole foresook its own traditions or if Jews forsook theirs." Speaking at a meeting in New York of the 10th anniversary dinner of the American Association for Jewish Education, Sen. Douglas bore down hard on the basic moral meaning of Zionism, which the American Council for Judaism, chief worrier about the alleged problem, consistently ignores. Said Douglas: "the bedrock on which the American tradition of democracy was built bears the imprint of the pages of the Old Testament," and Zionism and American democracy both stem from that source of ethics.

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The Special Honor

Dr. CURT M. BEACH, rabbi of Temple B'nai Moshe, La Salle, Ill., has been elected president of the Tri-Cities Ministerial Association . . . Rabbi HENRY E. KAGAN of Sinai Temple, Mount Vernon, N. Y. has been elected an associate member of the American Psychological Society. He is the first officiating rabbi elected to membership in the professional society since its founding in 1892 . . . The unusual picture of a Reform rabbi talking to Yiddish-speaking groups is part of the Chicago Jewish scene, where Rabbi JACOB J. WEINSTEIN of K.A.M. Temple does it frequently in his chores as head of the Histadrut campaign. He is believed to be the first Reform rabbi ever to head a local Histadrut drive.

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With the Rabbis

APPOINTMENTS—Rabbi WILLIAM A. ORENTLICHER of Orange, N. J., has been elected spiritual leader of the Sinai Synagogue in South Bend, Ind. He was inducted last week.

Rabbi LOUIS M. YOUNGERMAN, formerly assistant rabbi at Rodeph Shalom Congregation in Philadelphia, has been elected spiritual leader of Congregation Keneseth Israel in Allentown, Pa.

INSTALLATIONS—Rabbi SIDNEY STEIMAN was installed as spiritual leader of Temple Beth Hillel in Boston last week.

The Medford Jewish Community Center installed Rabbi ALVIN M. POPLACK as its spiritual leader last week.

Plans are underway at the Temple Israel in Albany, N.Y. for the formal installation of Rabbi LEO GEIGER in January.

In the larger Jewish communities of Turkey, Jewish affairs are handled by two separate bodies. A religious council handles all matters in that field and a council for secular affairs deals with charity, culture and similar problems.

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, Dec. 18—Ballad Singer Tom Glazer in "An American Ballad," the eighth program in the Fifth Anniversary Series of the "Eternal Light" program, 12:30 p.m. EST, NBC.

SUNDAY, Dec. 18—Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, speaking on "A Religious Definition of Knowledge," third in a series of four sermons on the "Message of Israel," 10 a.m. EST, ABC.

Israel Gives Chicks To Arab Villages

Poison for the destruction of wasps, field mice and foxes was recently distributed to Arab villages by the Israel Ministry of Agriculture. During the current season, 50,000 chickens have been handed to Arab villagers and many villages have asked the Ministry for help in acquiring agricultural machinery, especially tractors. Last month the Ministry secured two tractors for Arab farming cooperatives in ShfarAmar and Thamra. Loans on the security of expected future harvests have also been made by the Ministry.

N. U. Hillel Joins In Chanukah-Yule Fete

EVANSTON, Ill.—(NJP)—The Northwestern University Hillel Foundation joined with the Methodist Student Foundation last week to stage a Chanukah-Christmas party.

The joint celebration was held Saturday at the First Methodist Church of Evanston.

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Women's Viewpoint

CAN THE RABBINICAL CRITICS ANSWER A QUESTION OR TWO?

By HELEN COHEN

I HAVE letters from two rabbis, Nathan Drazin of Shaari Tfiloh, Baltimore and Leonard Mishkin of Chicago, on my recent discussion of the Shulchan Aruch. Both rabbis questioned my qualifications to even touch on the subject. Both felt that "borrowing the copy" and not having spent long years poring over the book in the original Hebrew made my conclusions less than valid.

Since even a recognized scholar and rabbi like Solomon Goldman calls down censure on himself by daring to question the Shulchan Aruch, where do I, a simple laywoman, come in? However, I could wonder what difference it makes toward understanding the contents of a book whether it is bought or merely borrowed. And as for reading in Hebrew, the rabbis may have noticed that I am in the midst of repairing that deficiency. Give me a little time, boys, and I'll be able to report on the original version.

Rabbi Drazin, among other things, insisted that the Shulchan Aruch has never been translated into English, so how could I possibly know what it contained, and what a joke on me. The book I read is the Kitzur Shulchan Aruch (which means a condensation) compiled by Rabbi Solomon Ganzfried, translated by Hyman E. Goldin, L.L.B., and published by the Hebrew Publishing Co. A Hebrew scholar, with whom I talked, declared that this brief form of the book not only gives a well-balanced picture of the complete contents, but it is the version used today by most scholars and laymen who read it in the original Hebrew. The scholar suggested that I ask Rabbi Drazin in what language he studies the Talmud, because if it is in Hebrew, it is only a second-hand translation from the original Aramic.

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BUT WHAT I REALLY WANT to say to these two rabbis is that both of them have side-stepped the issue. If you recall my article, I made two points:

ONE: The Shulchan Aruch, which was originally intended as a guide to the simple layman in his everyday living, is today practically unknown to the great mass of Jewry. (If Rabbi Drazin were accurate in his charge that the book had not been translated into English at all, it would be a perfect argument to back up this point, since how many American Jews understand Hebrew?)

TWO: Even if the entire Jewish community knew the book by heart, how much of it would be applicable to today's living? (Both rabbis accused me of deliberately choosing objectionable examples, yet I clearly stated that much of the work seemed to me to be outmoded. But the solution is simple. Let the reader study the volume for himself and decide how much is meaningful as a guide to his everyday living.)

By what alchemy, rabbis, is a book which was originally written as a guide for the simple, uneducated layman, transformed into a complex, obtuse work that requires years of study to grasp its meaning?

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SIGN of the Times: An unusual combination might be worth noting for future generations. The Council of Jewish women has, as one of its projects, service to newcomers. Out of gratitude for the help, when the displaced persons have become adjusted into the community, one of the first organizations they join is the Council of Jewish Women. Which brings together some of the oldest residents of the American Jewish community, who originally organized the group and remain its loyal backbone, with the latest immigrants to these shores.

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THE way Ben Prince told it to me, his daughter, Shirley, is in the eighth grade, and one of the projects in her school calls for eighth grade girls to act as assistant teachers in the first grade classes.

One day his daughter was taking her group of first graders out to play, when she spotted a six-year-old minus his overcoat.

"You'd better go back and get your coat," she admonished him. "You wouldn't want to catch a cold before Christmas."

Without replying, he sullenly continued on his way outdoors.

It took just a moment for the true situation to dawn on Shirley. She moved quickly to catch up with him and held him by the shoulders, as she renewed the conversation. "Then you'll catch a cold before Chanukah and it's only 10 days away."

The first grader's eyes lit up like a Chanukah licht as he turned back to fetch his coat.

A Jew and an Arab have established an olive press in partnership in the village of Iblin in the Haifa Bay area.

YOUR NAME

● *Conducted By*

N. Pearlroth

Want to know what your name means? Address your question to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish Post.

Reich
Bekoff

● Miss Sadie Reich, 3559 Douglas Blvd., Chicago, writes:

I am very much interested in finding the origin and meaning of my family name. My father's name was Joseph Reich. He was born in Debreczin, Hungary.

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Reich has no connection with the German word for "Rich." It is a derivative of the Hebrew name "Israel." In the olden days, when Jews had no family names, each Hebrew name acquired a byname of its own. The byname, used as a secondary name at first, later became a family name. Israel was affectionately changed into Israek, then it became Raek or Raik. Successive generations finally changed the name into Reich, because they had no idea what Raik meant.

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● Seymour Bekoff, Box 966, Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., writes:

I have read your column for some time with great interest. It has aroused my curiosity concerning the meaning of my family name—Bekoff. It seems to me that many of our fellow Jews would be more pround of their names if they were found to be meaningful and if they were to associate them with Jewish history. Perhaps they would even be more proud to be Jews and contribute as Jews to the American culture.

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Bekoff (more correctly Bykov) is a family name of geographical origin. I think that your ancestor who first assumed this name was probably a native of one of two towns named Bykov, both situated in eastern Galicia. But there are other localities so named in other parts of Poland, too. A correct translation of the geographical name would be "Bulltown." Such names as Bykov often had a historical or sentimental reason. Not infrequently romance had something to do with it.

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Your name too has a meaning emerging from the history of your people. Find out what YOUR name means by writing to Mr. Pearlroth, care of The Post.

What Foods These Morsels Be

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GRAVY—to add zest to your roast beef or pot roast this week.

ROAST BEEF GRAVY

Remove meat from roasting pan, and place pan over low heat on top of the stove. The liquid left in the pan after the meat has been removed will consist partly of meat juices and partly of melted fat. The meat juices will be at the bottom of the pan and around its sides. They should be a rich brown in color: but if so much liquid has remained in the pan that the juices have not been browned, the liquid should be cautiously boiled away until they are. Skim off all the fat from the liquid, leaving in the pan only the juices. Return to the pan 2 tablespoons of the fat for each cup of gravy you wish to make. Stir in an equal quantity of flour, and let cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture is well blended and the flour browned. Gradually add enough cold water or cold soup stock to make up the quantity of gravy you desire, and let cook, stirring constantly, uneil the gravy thickens and boils. Taste, to make sure no taste of raw flour remains, and add salt and pepper if necessary. While stirring, scrape the sides of the pan with the edge of the spoon, so that the browned meat juices adhering to the sides of the pan will be mixed with the gravy.

There are other methods of making gravy, but the one given here yields the most satisfactory result.

Cooked chicken giblets may be chopped and added to gravy. The water in which the giblets were cooked should be used in making the gravy.

POT-ROAST GRAVY

Number 1

Remove meat from pot. Skim off fat from meat liquid, and, for each cup of gravy you wish to make, place 2 tablespoons of the fat in a pan over a slow fire. Stir in an equal quantity of flour, and let cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture is well blended and the flour browned. Gradually add the meat liquid, then as much water or soup stock as is necessary to make up the quantity of gravy you desire, and let cook, stirring constantly, until the gravy is smooth and thickened and no taste of raw flour remains. Add salt and pepper if necessary.

Number 2

Remove meat from pot. Skim off some of the fat so that the gravy will not be too fat. For each cup of liquid left in the pot, blend 1 tablespoon nflour to a smooth paste with one tablespoon cold water, add the paste to the hot liquid, and let cook, stirring constantly, until the gravy is smooth and thickened and no taste of raw flour remains. Add salt and pepper if necessary.

Blind Palestinian Makes Violin Debut

NEW YORK—A young Palestinian violinist, who was blinded shortly after he began his music lessons as a boy, made his debut last week at Town Hall here before an audience of 1,000

Critics were as kind to Ruben Vargas as was the audience, collected by the Lighthouse of the New York Association for the Blind. The audience applauded the young violinist enthusiastically.

Zionist Council Ends Major Publication

NEW YORK—(NJP)—The fall issue of "Palestine," quarterly publication of the American Zionist Council, will be the last, according to a brief note in that issue.

Suspension of publication apparently was a move of retrenchment in activities of the organization, growing out of its adjustment to the fact of Israel. Another earlier indication was the change in name from the American Zionist Emergency Council.

A large dry dock to carry out repairs on vessels touching at Israel ports is planned by Solel Boneh, the construction branch of the Histadrut.

Editorial Page

Where is the Difference Between CJFWF and UJA?

ALTHOUGH it may seem on surface reading that the position taken by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds at its General Assembly last week end in Cincinnati is squarely opposed to the decisions made by the United Jewish Appeal three weeks ago at its own national convention, a more careful analysis of the positions of both would really cause a different conclusion.

In reality, there is very little difference between the positions of the two organizations. Even in emphasis the two are not far apart and a good case could be made out for a meeting between all the parties involved so that a generally-accepted statement could be issued to the community outlining the points of agreement.

At Atlantic City, the UJA urged pre-campaign budgeting. The CJFWF at Cincinnati took exactly the same position.

At Atlantic City, the UJA urged communities to defer capital fund drives and at Cincinnati, the CJFWF in effect said the same thing.

At Atlantic City, the UJA said that where capital fund drives could not be deferred, they be held separately from the drives for the UJA. On this point, CJFWF President Stanley Myers said that where the capital funds were not large, communities might decide as a result of experience to include them along with the UJA drives, but where the sums were large, separate drives might result in larger total sums being raised.

In all these areas, there is substantial agreement, At only one point is there some difference—the right of the communities to make the final decision but on closer analysis, it will be seen that the UJA did not dispute that right.

It would seem to The Post, then, that there is a good chance for agreement between the CJFWF and the UJA, if not on procedure, then most certainly on principle.

What an agreement of this sort would mean for community peace is tremendous It would remove the most important responsibilities of the American Jewish community from the realm of dispute and bitterness into the area of cooperation and understanding.

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Outlook for Fund Raising in 1950

JEWISH leaders assessing the possibilities of fund-raising in the U.S. Jewish community in 1950 are too readily succumbing to pessimism. That they do so without adequate recognition of the peculiar situations in 1949 which led to the decline in contributions is only natural and no more abnormal than their mistake and the mistake of the U.S. businessmen in general in believing that a major recession was going to develop in the early months of 1949.

What may properly be expected in 1950 and an analysis of the real picture was presented to the delegates attending the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare funds last weekend in Cincinnati. President Stanley Myers in his annual report had something to say on that issue which should be read by every Jewish community leader. Said Myers:

"To accept that less will be raised in 1950 than in 1949 as a premise for fund raising in 1950 is to invite disaster. On what basis has that failure been calculated in advance? Is it because American Jewry will have less resources in 1950 than in 1949? That may be true for some individuals but I doubt whether anyone here would say that it will be true of American Jewry as a whole. Nor would anyone here say that we gave to the very limit of our resources in 1949.

"Have such unspoken premises of declining results been based on declining needs? We know that the needs in Israel are greater than the funds we supplied this year. We know that the needs of refugees here are greater. We know about the problems we have not met in our homes for the aged, our hospitals, our centers—and we know the gaps between what we have been able to do in Jewish education and what we should be doing.

"The needs are there and the funds are there. If we fail in 1950, it will be because of other reasons—reasons which lie in an inadequate understanding of our people, failure to grasp the urgency of the need, our own failure to drive home that need, whether our leadership enkindles or stifles a community, the extent to which we are able to mobilize our manpower, our interest, our energies.

"We may not succeed in 1950 even if we do set our sights high. But we will surely not succeed unless we do."

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To The People of Jesus in the Name of Jesus

THERE cannot but be a feeling of despondency over the action of the United Nations Assembly in voting to internationalize Jerusalem.

There are varying reactions among Jews of the United States, but practically none that indicates that the decision will or can be implemented.

The one feeling is that the world has once again ignored a legitimate position of the Jewish group.

What the UN has done is the civilized and 20th century version of the same treatment the Middle Ages accorded to the Jews.

See what the United Nations had done to the people of Jesus in the name of Jesus!

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The Sabbath Comes Into Its Own

FULL respect to the Sabbath was paid by the 18th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds last weekend.

Beginning with Friday night, all formal business was adjourned. On Friday evening a service was held at the Isaac M. Wise Temple in which Rabbis James G. Heller, Samuel Wohl, Stanley R. Brav and Nelson Glueck participated.

On Saturday morning, the American Association for Jewish Education conducted the morning services, and Saturday afternoon was given over to a visit to the Hebrew Union College Museum and a fine Oneg Shabbat.

Except for the Zionist Organization of America, which makes of the Sabbath the beautiful holiday that it is, no other major Jewish organization besides the CJFW has honored the day.

What the CJWF has done is a fine indication of a growing religious feeling, and the CJFWF is to be congratulated for showing the other organizations that despite the pressure of time, time can still be found for Jews to be Jews.

Utica ZOA District Head Demands Robbins Resign For Calling Israel Police State

UTICA, N. Y.—Jack Philipson, president of the Utica district of the Zionist Organization of America, this week called for the resignation of Dr. Morton Robbins from the ZOA national executive committee for his charge that Israel is one of the worst police states in the world today.

Dr. Robbins made the charge at a meeting of the national executive committee meeting of Masada, the youth branch of the ZOA, in connection with its recent annual convention at Sharon, Mass.

In a letter to the ZOA speakers bureau, Philipson asked cancellation of Dr. Robbins scheduled appearance before a meeting of the district Dec. 11.

"If Dr. Robbins wishes to libel the State of Israel with such terms as police state, as reported in The National Jewish Post, no ZIONIST platform should remain open to him," Philipson said in his letter to the speakers bureau. "His resignation from the high Zionist national office that he now holds should be demanded by all self-respecting Zionists."

Philipson also asked President Daniel Frisch of the ZOA "to immediately and publicly dissociate himself from Dr. Robbins and his views."

THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

IT IS CLEAR that the internationalization of Jerusalem was a political defeat of Israel. What may not be so clear are the reasons for that defeat.

These reasons are neither complex nor hidden.

After the tremendous victories of the Palestine war, there was considerable feeling that Israel should be moved back into the original partition boundaries. A propaganda war developed, which had political implications, as have all propaganda efforts of this kind, and you know what the ultimate result was.

Now the present debacle was of the same nature. Although the final decision was a political one, it could be fought by American Jews only with the weapon of propaganda.

The propaganda developed by the American Zionist Council and other Zionist agencies and even Israel itself in the United States was weak and ineffectual. In fact at one point there was some doubt as to whether the American Zionist Council wanted any propaganda in the U.S. at all on the internationalization question, although any political fighter of any experience knows better than to be too sure of one's position.

Early this year, the apparatus which had won such remarkable victories in the U. S. for Zionism was disbanded. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver removed himself, wilfully it was this paper's feeling, from the Zionist Council. The State of Israel here announced very emphatically—through Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett—that political ((propaganda) work would now rest solely in the hands of the Israeli.

Now it is proven that Israel was wrong and its error was in underestimating the work of American Zionists in achieving the political victories. That error in judgment has now proven costly.

Will the situation be retrieved? How can it be retrieved?

Louis Lipsky, as head of the American Zionist Council, must be removed. His short term of office has been marked mostly by bungling and ineffectual or rather non-existent leadership. Mr. Lipsky's best role, and his principal service to Zionism, has not been in the role of leadership, and he would probably be the first to admit it.

Other leadership is sorely wanting in the American Zionist community. Daniel Frisch, Mortimer May, Dewey Stone, Rudolph Sonneborn, Ezra Shapiro—all of these lack something that at this juncture is so important.

Only Rabbi Silver can do the job. But he is a difficult person to deal with. His type of leadership brooks no opposition, to use a trite phrase. Still, it becomes obvious that the present defeat is due directly to the lack of strong direction and clear thinking that marks Rabbi Silver's leadership.

Rabbi Silver's recent speech in New York indicated, although not to a full extent, a certain maturation of his political attitudes and softening of the edges of his bitterness against those who oppose him. It is hoped that he has learned some of the lessons that all must learn before they become true statesmen.

It is true there is another side to the picture and Rabbi Silver can hardly be blamed for some of his bitterness. Has Israel recognized that the defeat on Jerusalem can be laid directly on its own doorstep?

The next move is obvious. Rabbi Silver must be brought back leadership in American Zionism, at least until the recurring crises in the political sphere have subsided. If this means that some people in Israel must eat crow, then let them eat it. It may not be as painful for them in the long run as continued ignoring of the significance of the work of American Zionists.

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IRVING EDISON of St. Louis (Edison Bros. Shoe chain) will be the next president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, I learned this week. He will succeed my good friend Frank Weil, who did such yeoman work leading his organization through the war years when JWB activity became an essential part of the war effort (selecting and directing the Jewish chaplains through CANRA and the work with USO). I understand that President Truman may address the annual convention at which Mr. Edison will be elected next May in Cincinnati at the Netherlands Plaza hotel.

Special Collective Soon For Non-Expert Jews

NEW YORK—A new agricultural settlement will be set up soon in Israel, tailor-made for English-speaking Jews, with no training in agriculture and with only a small amount of capital to invest, it was announced this week.

The Aliyah Department of the Jewish Agency said instructors to give on the spot training will be provided for the first year.

Pioneers will need $4,000 to $6,000, for which each one will get a two and a half room house and five to seven acres of land. Marketing and purchasing will be in a cooperative basis and each settler will get either 250 chickens and a coop or one cow and a cowshed.

Site of the new settlement will be near Gedera on Jewish National Fund land about 45 minutes from Tel Aviv. First houses will be ready next spring or early summer.

Conservative Rabbis Agree to Build Fund

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK,—Members of the Conservative Rabbinical Assembly pledged themselves in October to specific contributions, based on their salaries, in order to raise a $100,000 fund next year to meet critical needs of the movement, it was disclosed this week.

The special convention was held Oct. 25 at which a Rabbinical Assembly Fund was established.

The schedule to which the rabbis pledged themselves runs from a contribution of $125 from those earning $5.000 or less to a flat 10 per cent contribution for those earning $15,000 or more annually.

Details of the pledge were reported in the December Bulletin of the Conservative Rabbinate.

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Lillian Resnick Ott Steps Up To Explain To Dorothy Thompson

● Editor National Jewish Post:

Your Philadelphia story, (NJP, Nov. 4, 1949) reporting and quoting parts of the speech Dorothy Thompson delivered before the American Council "from" Judaism is of course no more worthy of comment than are any of the other stories regarding the hogwash sponsored by that zany council. But poor Dorothy seems almost on the verge of an apoplexy. So, even at the cost of being marked down in her little black book as a Jew of divided loyalty, I cannot do other but abide by the traditional dictum of Judaism which commands me to be my brother's keeper, in order to help ease Miss Thompson's pain, before even thinking of the dictum of "good" Americanism, which exhorts me to mind my own business. Any port in a storm, you know. I hope, therefore, that Mr. Editor will permit me to apply whatever first aid is necessary to relieve Miss Thompson's distress.

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Dear Miss Dorothy Thompson:

To judge by your talk before the Council from both, Judaism and Americanism, your distress seems due to nothing else but your wholehearted concern, which is centered in the awful fear that I, a Jewish-American citizen, may pick myself up one of these days, pack my knapsack and go off to Israel. Well now, I am flattered.

I never realized that you loved me so much that you hated to lose me. But take it easy, old girl! I really have no such intentions, especially now, when I know that your whole well being depends on my staying close to your side. Happy? Fine!

Now I should like to try to reassure you about other Jews, those whom you fear will divide their loyalty twixt here and yon. You are worrying needlessly, Dorothy. The Jews you have in mind, those for instance who can sit by and listen to you rant definitely, will do no such a thing. They are not capable of experiencing love big enough to embrace two nations. Besides, there isn't enough Jewishness in them to so much as ripple the smugness of their Americanism. In fact, you would have nothing to worry about those Jews, even if by the remotest chance some of them did regard the restoration of Israel as the fulfillment of Divine Promise. These are not just ordinary 100 per cent Americans, Miss Thompson, from which the mere thought of Israel will subtract enough from the round total to impair their American loyalty. Nothing of the sort. The Jews who shake in their boots every time you, or anyone like you, makes a charge against them, are two, three and sometimes, even five hundred per-centers who wrap their Americanism around themselves in mummy fashion a foot thick, and thus hide their Jewishness from their own children, let alone share it with Israel. Nonsense, you poor thing. Forget all about them. Not only will they not divide their loyalty, they cannot if they tried. Their time is spent mostly in a position which gives best promise to quick action when boot-licking becomes the order of things. Moreover, I think you are wasting your time talking to them. For what profit can there be in it for you to try to convince a mule that he is an ass when he continues to insist on remaining a donkey? See what I mean?

But if you were speaking to me, now, I would give you quite another kind of answer than that which you receive from those you do speak to, for I, Miss Thompson, not being a stranger to my historic epexegisis, would give you as much heed as have my ancestors to the Roman Emperor Constantine who, once converted to the noble faith of Christianity, began to manifest the love of his new-found faith by coining the phrase you are so much troubled about, i. e., the loyalty of the Jews. Like my ancestors also, although I must admit it is getting a bit tiresome to do so, I would like to set you straight about the meaning of loyalty. It may seem surprisingly odd to you, but the fact remains that despite the long ages throughout which this same charge was hurled at Jews, Jews are never traitors. They died a thousand deaths, yes. But not one to atone for a treasonable act against State of residence. Can you say as much for your people, Dorothy? But more truthfully than you say of my people.

Being a smart girl, Miss Thompson, you know that it wasn't love for Jews that spared any of them from this, the foulest of all of men's acts. No, it wasn't love, but loyalty. And it wasn't the kind of loyalty you're worried sick over. Here, let me tell you what I, an individual Jew, conceives of loyalty. I believe that my first loyalty, and my foremost allegiance, goes to God, without whose gift of Divine Spark, I would no more be expected to declare any kind of loyalty or allegiance than is the beast in the jungle.

My second loyalty, being that I love my God with all my heart and with all my soul and with all my might, cannot but manifest itself in the efforts dedicated to the fulfillment of God's Personally declared desire which is, as you must know by the Bible, that Israel—the people and the land—"Shalt be unto me a nation."

My third loyalty, your opinions notwithstanding, has still a prior claim to satisfy; that is the demands of my God-inspired conscience which makes it incumbent upon me to consider first the welfare and well being of a mankind created in His Own Image, including the some who seem to derive greater inspiration from "My Kampf."

And my fourth loyalty, only after God, kin and fellowmen, belongs to my State of residence, to whose laws, constitutional safeguards, contributions for maintanence and security I swear my wholehearted allegiance. And I'll bet you a bigot for a dog, I am as good a citizen . . . if not a better one . . . as you are. Moreover, I believe I can boast of greater faith in my country than you, who gives to it all your loyalties. I for instance, unlike you, have no fear that this land dedicated as it is to the noblest ideals of human dignity, will perish because a handful of Jews are moved to rejoice in the miracle of their kinsmen having survived Nazism, the last I hope of all the plagues your great Christian love has visited upon them. And by gosh, Dorothy, you'll never know how happy I am to get up out of mourning.

Your fears for Jewish loyalty allayed, I hope, I should like to try and see what can be done about some of your other hallucinations. I must urge you to get hold of yourself, Miss Thompson, or you'll suffer a complete collapse. Here is a suggestion that ought to prove most effective in counter-acting what appears to be a more than ordinary case of astigmatism. Instead of peering so closely at that among Jews which by your own admission appears but as a quasi-legislative system, at worst applying only to Jewish affairs, I suggest you give a quick turn and direct your scrutiny on a far larger and more factual directing body, Catholicism for instance, which is at no time satisfied with holding its own adherents in reign but asserts openly, and everywhere impudently, that it alone must have the freedom to discipline . . . all . . . And in accordance with the whims and wishes of the head of an established State. Certainly, you who are so upset with fear over the doings of a little group of less than five millions of Jews, ought to really quake over the doings of a group numbering more than 26,000,000, who by status is also a minority, but who by assumption of prerogative interferes in the doings of every phase of our national existence, even to the point of near control. What, may I ask you, would happen if the chief executive of Israel presumed to broadcast advice to the United States? The Pope does, and very often critically, and far afield of mere religious themes. And incidentally, do you have any idea how much of American money goes to the Pope and the Vatican State?

Well, if this don't 'learn' you anything, nothing will. And so I better close. And in so doing, I offer up a prayer to God Almighty that forever hence, unto time without limit, may the Anti-Semites merit the privilege of saying quote: "There, in Palestine, is the Jewish State and Nation—there, and nowhere else." But while Anti-Semites so chant, future generations will add: a State and Nation that was never degraded by innocent blood, by auto de fe's, by pogroms, by false libels, by crematories, or by plundering, rape, loot and beastliness. As a true, rather than good American, I am more than happy to support Israel.

LILLIAN REZNICK OTT
Chicago.

She Has Proposal: Council Against Council

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

Congratulations to Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg for challenging Rabbi Irving Reichert of the American Council for Judaism when he spoke in Nashville, Tenn.

I wish well-informed rabbis and Zionists all over the country would be alert enough to attend "Council" meetings and challenge these frightened Jews-these 110% Americans.

There are proud American Jews born and bred in this country, as were their parents before them, who find 100% allegiance to their native land is all that is expected of them ;and there are citizens who imigrated to this country—like Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, who know that 100% Americanism is all that is required of them.

AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN ISRAEL'S PROGRESS MAKES A JEW NO LESS AN AMERICAN PATRIOT THAN BARTLEY CRUM—WHO IS ALSO INTERESTED.

If anyone should think of organizing a "Council Against the American Council for Judaism", here's your first member!

BELLE KIRSCHENBAUM
New York

PLUGAT-ZOA FIGURE SAYS FRISCH ALWAYS OPPOSED TO CHALUTZIUT

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

It is with a great deal of interest that I have been following the action (high and mighty that it was) of President Daniel Frisch of the Zionist Organization of America in dealing with Plugat Aliyah.

If I recall it was a pledge of unity which helped in his electio to the highest office of the ZOA. It was he who maintained that all elements of the ZOA should work together in the ZOA, that the ZOA was a democratic organization, which dealt out its decisions in a "majority rule" fashion.

Yet can Mr .Frisch deny that in taking away the support that the ZOA gave Plugat Aliyah through the Chalutziut Commission, he acted by himself, without consulting the inner committee or administrative council? Isn't it also a fact that Frisch worked out his own plan without consultation even with Plugat Alayah? Wouldn't it have been better to work through an existing organization than to start a new one?

It was a great day when the ZOA decided to step in and help their own chalutz group. It was the imagination of people like Emanuel Neumann, Abba Hillel Silver, and Louis Schwefel—men of foresight—who knew that the ZOA could only exist with a dynamic chalutz group. They knew that only by being able to point to a special spot in Israel as being American General Zionist could the ZOA with all its talk point to an accomplishment of the people, a tangible accomplishment.

Yet with one stroke, Frisch has embittered the real youth and many able and true statesmen of the ZOA. For after all, those of us who knew Frisch before he was elected ,who heard him talk off the record, always feared his attitudes. He was never for youth—he is forcing a policy on the ZOA which can do the organization only harm. He speaks in double talk; he has always opposed chalutziut and now has achieved HIS goal of attempting to destroy something positive.

I speak these things as a former member of the mercaz (executive) of Plugat.

But I feel sure that the spirit that motivates the Plugat Aliyah will continue. It there are people who do not understand youth and chalutz spirit—let them remember that Plugat Alayah existed before the ZOA helped it. Let it be known that funds were raised by raffles, theater parties and the like. No man like Frisch or what he stands for can stop a movement of accomplishment...

I also am a member of the executive of the Jamaica District, Long Island region ZOA.

NORMAN MOLLOR
Jamaica, N. Y.

Lowell Gets First Reform Congregation

NEW YORK—(NJP)—The first Reform congregation in Lowell, Mass., was formally organized at a meeting on Nov. 29, it was announced this week.

More than 100 residents of Lowell, which has a Jewish population of 2,000, attended the meeting, called by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Services with guest rabbis will be started in January. A religious school is included in the plans.

DIRECT TALKS STARTED

TEL AVIV,— (ISI)—Direct nagotiations between Israel and Jordan to settle Bedouin conflicts were agreed to at a meeting of Israel and Jordan army chiefs at the Beersheba-Daharíya frontier last week.

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THE unexpected attraction of the Palestine String Quartet is tonal warmth and sympathy — unexpected: one would not look for it in an ensemble of comparative imperspicuousness; attractive; finding it is pleasant, surprisingly so, to the ear.

The natural question follows: how good would the quartet sound let loose in the complicated, contrapuntal labyrinth of chamber music? J. G.'s guess: extremely good. Stinson, which gives this album a recording high in fidelity, low in surface defects, ought really to offer the Palestine Quartet a chance at Schubert, Schumann, Brahms.

There is a winsome charm hearing chassidic music scored for strings, but the literate field is limited, if not confining. Palestine String Quartet would portray the highly stylized arena of Hebrew music better than by not romping in it quite so exclusively. The quartet is under management of the Jewish Center Lecture Bureau, a member of the Jewish Welfare Board, which indicates that its public repertoire is prescribed perhaps more fully by religion than by art.

Not by any means a recent vintage ensemble, the Palestine String Quartet was established in Jerusalem in 1874 by the great-great-grandfather and namesake of Isador Kleinman. The present membership is indigenous to Europe and this country more than to Palestine, where none of them was born. Some years ago they left profitable careers to concentrate on a single objective: interpretation of Jewish, Palestinian and Hebrew music.

Sholom Secunda's six artful, delicately balanced adaptations are almost right. He could have subordinated his violins—wailing, skittering, chassidic fiddles; merely a musician's quibble. The viola and cello, particularly viola, are first rate.

The quartet needs only a restudy of the string repertoire under someone with an incisive beat and the will to cut a phrase sharply as it ends. How fatal if these four continued to strum and pluck and bow the sweet, lilting, *gemutlich* music until suddenly they found themselves in demand for weddings. J. G.

Yemenites Being Absorbed Quickly

TEL AVIV—Yemenite Jews brought to Israel by the "Magic Carpet" secret airlift are already being absorbed.

Of the 32,000 who arrived from Yemen by mid-November, 7,000 have left the camps either for cooperative settlements, or for various housing projects.

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Israel Aims At Efficiency

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK.—One of the most familiar figures in American industry, the efficiency expert, is about to become part of the Israel scene.

An Institute for research in production efficiency has been started under the auspices of the Research Council of Israel. It was reported this week in the current "Israel Newsletter" published by the Israel Office of Information.

The bulletin said that the Institute, which is affiliated with the Association of Engineers and Architects in Israel, will have three jobs.

One will be to study Israel's productive efficiency in industry, construction, transportation and office administration; to compare Israel efficiency with that of other countries; trace the cause of Israel shortcomings and find methods to erase them.

The second purpose is to keep the Israel general pubilc informed of the value of increased production efficiency so that Israel, with its abnormally high production costs, can compete on the world market.

The final purpose is to act as advisor on methods of increasing production efficiency.

Seek Harmony For Synagogues, Centers

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A joint consultative committee was announced this week of the Synagogue Council of America and the National Jewish Welfare Board to promote the development of harmonious relationships between synagogues and Jewish community centers.

The Synagogue Council of America represents the three wings of U.S. Judaism and the JWB, among other functions, is the national association of Jewish centers.

The committee agreed on three functions: to serve as a clearing agency between the synagogue and the center ;to seek a generally accepted formula defining the functions of the two institutions ;and to offer its services to resolve disputes between centers and synagogues and to prevent duplication of money-raising campaigns and building programs.

The new committee will represent one of the first cooperative efforts to end widespread competition between the two institutions, particularly where centers are combined with synagogues, and where synagogues have offered broad cultural and social programs for local Jewry.

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N.W. Rabbinical Assembly Asks National Bid For Sabbath Pledges

National Jewish Post

SEATTLE—The national organizations of U.S. Conservative Judaism were urged this week to consider as a national program the Sabbath pledge of observance taken last Yom Kippur by the members of Herzl Congregation here.

The November conference of the Northwest Region of the Rabbinical Ashembly of America, meeting in Vancouver, B. C., adopted a resolution urging its parent body, the national organization of Conservative Judaism, and the United Synagogue of America, the congregational organization, to discuss and implement the Herzl Congregation program at their coming national conventions.

Led by Rabbi Samuel Penner, the 1,100 members of the Herzl Congregation publicly pledged themselves to light the Sabbath candles, recite the kiddush at home and to attend services each Friday night without fail.

The members vowed niether to accept nor extend any invitations, social or other, which would in any way interfere with unvarying observance of the Sabbath. (NJP, Oct. 14)

Since that time, Friday night services has found more than 500 worshippers attending regularly, with a substantial increase in attendance by entire families.

In the Friday night service following the Vancouver conference, Rabbi David Kogen presented to his Congregation Beth Israel in Vancouver, a slightly modified version of the Herzl Congregation pledge.

He then scheduled a period of silence and urged his congregation to take the vow to their hearts but did not ask for a public stand of acceptance. A recent report revealed that during the past two weeks attendance has risen to 300 from a previous average of 150.

The resolution unanimously adopted by the Conservative rabbis at the Vancouver convention declared:

"Whereas large numbers of our people have expunged all traces of the Sabbath from their homes and lives, therefore, let it be resolved that this Northwest section of the Rabbinical Assembly in conference assembled expresses its unanimous endorsement of the principle of religious reconsecration to the Sabbath, beginning with these minimal standards: kindling of the Sabbath candles and recitation of Kiddush in the home, and weekly synagogue worship with the family.

"That we heartily congratulate the membership and rabbi of Herzl Congregation in Seattle for their inspiring example of rededication to the Sabbath:

"That we also commend the unanimous action of the Board of Governors of Herzl Congregation to implement these minimal standards for the congregation;

"That we strongly urge the adoption of these minimal standards of Sabbath observance to all our congregations; and

"that we recommend this action for further discussion and implementation at the coming national conventions of the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue of America."

Orthodox In Cincinnati To Try Unified Fund-Raising Campaign

CINCINNATI—Cincinnati will witness one of the first efforts by Orthodox Jews to unify their scattered fund-raising efforts with provision for some system of allocations, it developed this week.

The Cincinnati Welfare Federation has approved plans for a special campaign for some 80 Orthodox institutions. Fund-raising for them is now done on the basis of representatives sent to Cincinnati's approximately 200 contributing Orthodox Jews, according to EVERY FRIDAY, Cincinnati's Orthodox Anglo-Jewish weekly.

The weekly said that the question of organizing such a drive has been under discussion for several months with the encouragement of Rabbi Eliezer Silver, president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

SILVER

Rabbi Silver was due back in Cincinnati this week from a trip to South America and formal launching of the campaign was expected shortly.

The weekly reported that among the problems a unified campaign would solve was the fact that about 50 per cent of the money collected under the present system is absorbed by expenses.

A unified campaign also will eliminate some 75 individual solicitors whose visits to Orthodox Jews during their business hours has become a nuisance.

Spokesmen for the campaign, appearing before the Federation meeting, said that the drive would not mean an additional campaign in Cincinnati. They said the Vaad Hatzalah, a group supporting Orthodox institutions, which is conducting a yearly drive in the city with consent of the Federation, would be included in the forthcoming unified campaign.

The goal of the drive will be $50,000, the weekly said.

Israel OKs Infiltrees Joining Their Families

NAZARETH—Leaders of the Moslem and Christian communities here have expressed their gratitude to Israel military authorities for permitting infiltrees to join their families in Nazareth.

At a meeting of town notables and mukhtars of various communities held recently, the Military Governor promised to withhold action against illegal Arab infiltrees if the inhabitants agreed to round them up themselves.

When all parties consented, the Governor then stated that women and children who had infiltrated but qualified for reunion with their families under Israel's existing regulations would be allowed to remain.

On November 21, 137 infiltrees were turned over to the military authorities to be taken to the border.

Rail traffic in Israel in October carried 32,000 tons of goods and 104,000 passengers.

Bostonians Praise, Criticize "The Goldbergs" In Jewish Survey

BOSTON—The 20th anniversary of "The Goldbergs," one of radio's most popular programs, drew praise and criticism of the show's Jewish aspects from Boston persons interviewed by the Jewish Weekly TIMES of Boston.

Walter Bieringer, chairman of the Massachusetts Displaced Persons Commission told the Anglo-Jewish weekly that he liked the program and its characters.

"The kind heart is certainly brought out," he said. "They're always doing something good. I think they are typical of the average Jewish family in that economic strata with all the kindness and neighborliness they show. I think they bring out the best in that group."

A similar view was offered by Mrs. Nathan Daniels of the Women's Scholarship Association, who said she felt that "non-Jews are getting an excellent, sympathetic view of American Jewish life. I feel that the average non-Jew doesn't know the Jew too well and this program helps bring them closer together. I think that non-Jews are very much impressed by it and favorably, too."

The opposition viewpoint was expressed by Paul Simons, member of the board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, who said he objected to stereotypes. Jewish or other.

He said he felt that when anyone appeared on the radio with a distinct Jewish accent, it represented a stereotype.

"People who are non-Jews think that if this program is supposed to represent Jews, then all Jews talk this way," Simons said. "It is obvious that not all Jews nor even a large number talk in that manner. Whether a stereotype is Jewish, Negro, or any other type, it is not desirable."

Mrs. Manus Schoenfeld, president of the Allerton Hospital Women's Auxiliary, said she considered "The Goldbergs" fine entertainment but said she felt that U. S. Jews "are a far more intellectual group and live in a more Americanized manner than portrayed in this program."

"I shouldn't like to think that Mrs. Goldberg, with her accent and ways of living, is representing Jews to non-Jews," Mrs. Schoenfeld said. "For instance, she stresses her Friday night 'challe,' chicken, etc."

Mrs. Schoenfeld said she she felt that rather than stressing how Jews eat, Mrs. Goldberg "should bring out more the cultural and artistic angle of the Jew."

Irish Mary Fitzgerald of the Massachusetts FEPC said she disagreed, though admitting that the dialogue, misuse of words and bad grammar "may create an impression of illiteracy, but surely the general public will not carry off that impression."

Concluded Miss Fitzgerald, "I think Mrs. Goldberg is a darling."

The World of Books

NEW VOLUMES TOGETHER OFFER ROUNDED VIEW OF JEWISH PSYCHE

YIDDISH PROVERBS, edited by Hanan J. Ayalti, Schocken Library, No. 20, N.Y., 127 pages, $1.50.
THE ROOT AND THE BOUGH, edited by Leo W. Schwarz, Rinehart, N.Y., 362 pages, $3.75.
JEWISH ARTISTS OFTHE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES, Philosophical Library, N.Y., 273 pages,. $4.75.

By WARD MOORE

THERE IS reason for considering these three books, so apparently divergent in purpose, subject and treatment, together, for this excellent collection of Yiddish aphorisms might well form the introduction, and "Jewish Artists" an appendix to "The Root and the Bough."

"The Root and the Bough" contains 33 narratives by the survivors of the great martyrdom. SS General Stroop declared, "The Warsaw Ghetto is extinct." Mr. Schwarz recalls a similar declaration, some 3,000 years earlier by the Pharaoh Merneptah, "The seed of Israel is rooted out forever." Six million Jews were murdered—between a third and a half of all Jewry—but the seed was not rooted out.

MOORE

These narratives, some brisk and forthright, some halting and unintegrated, others strong and relentless, offer various aspects of the Hitler terror, from concentration camp, extermination depot, the ghetto, among the partisans and in the underground. "At present I am lying in a hospital in Feldafing near Munich. I have a number branded on my arm, 7560, one of the first and very rare. Now I know that fire cannot extinguish the heart of man and gas cannot stop the breath of God."

"When I saw a whole family together, I thought I was gazing on a miracle," says another, trying to remember that the Third Reich is in the past. "Could you grasp the fact that your mother or your child, whom you had looked at only a few hours back with your uncomprehending eyes, who had perhaps smiled to you and whose soft mouth you had kissed, could you grasp the fact that this very mouth had been stifled by creeping gas and that the body had been burned and disfigured by flame?" says another.

"And when I was in camp," says another, "I was oppressed by the thought: If I perish, no one will ask me any questions; but if I should survive, how will I be able to life my eyes toward my comrades left in the ghetto . . . ?"

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IF ALL OF "The Root and the Bough" were as harrowing as these questions, it would be simply a memorial volume, to be piously wept over and then put out of mind as quickly as possible. But it is much more.

It is as exicting as a mystery story, as exhilarating as a victory, as moving as the last narrative, "Homecoming in Israel" was written by the kibbutz Buchenwald, the cooperative farm composed of former concentration camp inmates who have made an infamous name honorable.

It is all these varied aspects of the Jewish spirit which are implicit in the "Yiddish Proverbs." Here we have the irony, the humility, the wit and, above all, the will to endure, which is manifest in "The Root and the Bough." To a great extent, the proverbs explain what the survivors of Haman's massacre relate.

For the Jewish spirit is whole, even though there are as many manifestations of it as there are individual Jews. To take an extreme ilustration, "Jewish Artists of the 19th and 20th Centuries" demonstrates how even in a field which is un-Jewish by tradition and by Divine prohibition (which Mr. Schwarz disputes) the esential and inescapable Jewishness of the individual is inevitably reflected in his work.

I will not go so far as to claim that these three books form a miniture library in themselves but I will say that taken together they give a superbly rounded picture of many aspects of the Jewish character.

50,000 ISRAELI EX-GERMANS HAVE COMPENSATION DUE THEM

TEL AVIV—Immigrants from Germany may register claims against the German government at the Tel Aviv branch of the newly established Israel Office for Registration of Compensation Claims from Germany. Other branches are to be opened throughout Israel to register claims in accordance with the laws adopted in the American occupation on December 1.

Two members of the Jewish Central Committee in Munich recently visited Israel to settle compensation claims against Germany by Israel citizens. They were received by the Minister of Finance.

Those who are entitled to compensation are: persons whose parents or near relatives were killed by the Nazis, who lost property or whose health was injured; and persons who were detained in concentration camps or ghettos.

The first category applies only to those who were German citizens while the second applies to all victims of the Nazi regime who were in the American zone of Germany before January 1, 1947.

It is believed that over 50,000 Israel citizens are entitled to compensation.

Tel Aiviv port showed a net profit of $137,000 in 1948 despite suspension of its activities during the Israel War of Independence.

Argentines Kill Anti-Semitic Paper

BUENOS AIRES — (WNS)— The Fascist newspaper "Milicia," organ of the anti-Semitic Movimiento Sindical Nacionalista, has been squelched by Argentine police, who halted distribution of 10,000 copies of the publication, it was learned this week.

The newspaper has been responsible for many anti-Jewish activities here and in Santa Fe. At the same time, authorities imprisoned four members of the organization who protested to the police against seizure of the publication.

Frisch Invited To Agency Plenary Meet

NEW YORK—(NJP)—The Jewish Agency office here announced this week that the executive of the Agency has decided to invite President Daniel Frisch of the Zionist Organization o America, to participate in a plenary session to open Jan. 12.

Frisch has accepted the invitation to attend the session, which will be held in Jerusalem.

Jewish Anti-Reds Slam Report

Civil Liberties Union Blames Anti-Semitism In Peekskill Riots

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The American Civil Liberties Union was accused this week of playing into the hands of U.S. Communists by absolving them of instigating the recent Peekskill riots and by asserting that the demonstrations against the Communist-staged Peekskill concerts were "really directed against Jews."

The charge was made by the American Jewish League Against Communism, in a letter to George E. Rundquist, assistant director. The statement hit the ACLU report, issued last week, as a harmful and confusing statement.

Union Makes Study

The study was made public while a Westchester County Grand Jury was making an inquiry into the riots on orders of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. The grand jury report is not expected until mid-January.

Four staff members of the civil liberties group spent five weeks in the Peekskill area and interviewed nearly 100 persons.

The report said there was no evidence whatever of Communist provocation on either of the occasions that Negro baritone Paul Robeson sang.

The report said specifically that the unprovoked rioting was due mainly to anti-Semitism and that the local press, a reference to the Peekskill STAR, bore the main responsibility for inflaming residents to a mood of violence.

The report charged that the veterans organizations gathered at the scene specifically intended to prevent the concerts from being held.

The report made no reference to the Jewish War Veterans, whose Peekskill post was represented among the veterans groups, leading to an investigation by the national office of the JWV.

The JWV has not issued a report on the probe and the exact role of the Jewish war veterans has not been clarified though Ben Kaufman, national executive director, told The Post that the Jewish war vets confined themselves to breaking up small bands of roving hoodlums shouting anti-Semitic epithets.

A foreword to the report was signed by officials of various groups, including the American Jewish Congress, the only Jewish organization listed. The foreword said that the signers did not necessarily endorse everything in the report but they wished to voice their concern that the right of assembly be assured and protected "for unpopularity minorities as well as te rest of us."

The critical letter from the Jewish anti-Communist group was signed by its executive director, Rabbi Benjamin Schultz. He said anti-Semitic aspects of the riots was "entirely artificial and was raised by the Communist party, in line with its policy of confusion."

In the letter, Rabbi Schultz repeated an earlier charge that "after the first riot, women of Communist inclinations made the rounds of Peekskill stores and urged them to boycott the Peekskill Evening STAR' as the Jews will boycott you if you don't boycott" the paper, which fought the concerts.

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Plan OKd For Non-Partisan Study Of Entire Civic Defense Scene

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The last obstacle was cleared this week for a comprehensive investigation by an independent expert of the effectiveness of the programs of the U.S. Jewish civic defense agencies.

Over the protests of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, plans for such a survey have been approved. It is expected to cost around $25,000.

Only the American Jewish Congress accepted the plan without protest. The three agencies handle most of the organized civic defense work of the U. S. Jewish community.

A board including representatives of the cities represented in the National Community Relations Advisory Council, coordinating agency for the civic defense groups; the NCRAC as such; and the Large Cities Budgeting Committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds will direct the survey.

The board will employ a top-ranking scientist, who will direct the study, with the assistance of staff men of the Jewish agencies.

The report on the survey will be made jointly to the NCRAC and the Large Cities Budgeting Committee, which will provide the funds for the survey.

Robbins Challenged To Issue Flat Denial Of Police State Rap

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Dr. Morton Robbins of Nashua, N. H., a member of the national executive of the Zionist Organization of America, was challenged this week to deny publicly that he told the national executive committee of Masada that "Israel is the worst police state in the world."

Robbins, who attended the recent national convention of the youth Zionist group as a personal emissary of ZOA President Daniel Frisch, reportedly made the statement at a meeting of the executive committee.

Robbins, in a statement to The Post, said the report was "untrue matter" but did not specifically deny he had made the statement to members of the Masada executive committee. (NJP Dec. 9).

The challenge was issued by Hans Weinberg of Yonkers, chairman of an eastern Masada region, who attended the convention.

"I am told that Dr. Robbins has denied making the statement to the effect that Israel is the worst police state in the world," Weinberg told The Post.

Names Time and Place

"I challenge Dr. Robbins to deny publicly that he made this statement to the members of the national executive committee of Masada at a meeting Thursday night Nov. 24 at the Sunset Lodge in Sharon, Mass.," Weinberg said.

"If he denies it, I challenge Dr. Robbins to repeat publicly all the remarks he did make at that meeting. I also ask him to publicly state his remarks to the banquet session preceding the national executive committee meeting," Weinberg said.

CONSERVATIVE REVISION UNIT TO WITHHOLD REPORT NOW

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The report on Sabbath observance of a subcommittee of the Committee on Law of the Conservative Rabbinical Assembly of America will not be made public until the members of the committee opposing the findings have a chance to prepare a minority report, it was learned here this week.

The Law Committee, composed of 23 members, met here last week, with about 75 other rabbis not members of the committee, in attendance. These observers were permitted to discuss the questions raised in the draft after members of the committee had voted on various phases of the suggested changes in Sabbath observance.

The majority report of the committee is being redrafted for final consideration at the next meeting of the committee slated for immediately after Jan. 1.

The Law Committee also heard a report by its sub-committee on scope of the committee's activities. This report, which was approved, said the domain of the committee should not be limited or its work hampered. Rabbi Israel Levinthal of Brooklyn, was chairman of the Committee on Scope.

No Fuss On This One

Another sub-committee, that on Synagogue Procedures and Services, has reported to the Law Committee, it was learned, but since its report is not a controversial issue and since much of its recommendations have been part of Conservative practice—although nor formally or officially stated as such—little opposition was expected to its report.

Leaders of the Law Committee continued to insist, according to trustworthy reports, that the Jewish Theological Seminary, which trains Conservative rabbis, is taking a hands-off policy on the Law Committee and its work. The Seminary, as a seminary, is not involved, The Post was told.

Rabbi Morris Adler of Detroit is head of the Law Committee.

Strike Stops All Railways In Israel

TEL AVIV, Israel—A 24-hour protest strike last week paralyzed all Israel railways as labor unrest swelled in the Jewish State.

Tel Aviv nurses in municipal clinics and hospitals planned a strike over demands for wage increases.

The railway strike was called over similar demands and a committee was named to study the demands of the railway workers.

Brooklyn Patriarch Dies At 106

NEW YORK—Max Greenbaum, patriach of the Brooklyn Hebrew Home and Hospital for the Aged ,died in the home last week at the age of 106.

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Mexico Zionists Hit For Power Grab

Jewish World News Service

MEXICO CITY, Mexico—The Zionist Organization of Mexico was accused this week of using totalitarian methods to eliminate the only effective opposition to its dominance of Mexico Jewry.

Critics charged that by high-handed methods it destroyed one of the largest Jewish cultural institutions in Mexico, the famous "Yiddish School" of Mexico, which had an enrollment of 900 children.

The school was directed by A. Golomb, internationally-known Yiddish educator and author, a vigorous foe of Jewish political nationalism. The Zionists were accused of denouncing Golomb and some of his teachers to Mexican police as undesirable citizens.

They succeded in ousting Golomb and took over the school, incorporating it with their own school, where instruction is in Hebrew.

Rabbi To Be Named Life Emeritus Sunday

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—(NJP)—Rabbi Jacob Bosniak will be elected for life as rabbi emeritus of the Ocean Parkway Jewish Center at a dinner Sunday.

The occasion also will celebrate 28 years for the rabbi in the ministry.

JEWISH INTERNES TROUBLES EASED IN GETTING HOSPITALS

National Jewish Post

CINCINNATI—In sharp contrast to conditions of previous years, there are currently not enough Jewish internes to meet present hospital demands, it was revealed this week.

The disclosure developed during a discussion of Jewish hospitals at the 18th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Harry Greenstein of Baltimore, recently returned from Europe where he was adviser to American occupation officials on Jewish questions, told of the change in the situation in Baltimore.

A quick check with other communities represented at the gathering revealed that throughout the United States, Jewish graduates of medical schools were finding it relatively easy to get into hospitals of their cholce.

Among the reasons cited for the change was the fact that a large number of internes are being absorbed bythe Veterans Administration and other military agencies at salaries more attractive than that offered by hospitals generally.

As far as residencies are concerned, Jewish doctors still have difficulty, it was revealed.

Continuation of the new picture for Jewish internes may have major effects on Jewish hospitals in the U.S., it was agreed. To a considerable extent, such hospitals are aimed at providing places for Jewish internes unable to gain admittance to non-Jewish hospitals.

Killer of Fellow-Jews Gets 10-Year Sentence

BERLIN,— (WNS) —Leibush Bosak was sentenced by a British criminal court here to serve eight years in prison and is to be deprived of all civil rights for ten years, for having beaten to death a number of fellow inmates at the Silesian concentration camps of Waldenburg and Marstedt.

The 34-year-old clothier was said to have participated in the brutal slayings in order to gain favor from prison authorities and thereby obtain better conditions for himself.

He was arrested recently when one of Bosak's former victims recognized him at the headquarters of the Berlin Jewish community. Although the prosecuting attorney had demanded 15 years imprisonment for the accused, Bosak received the court's mercy because of the surrounding circumstances which caused a "psychosis from which any camp inmate suffered."

ZOA STARTS NEW CAMPAIGN FOR TOOLS; NO FUND-RAISING

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The Zionist Organization of America announced a new campaign this week to provide machinery and equipment for Israel.

The announcement made no mention of the "Machines for Israel" drive organized about a year ago, which met indifferent success and became a fund-raising drive in some ZOA districts.

President Daniel Frisch announced that Daniel Trotsky of New York, will head the new "Machines and Equipment for Israel" committee.

Nation-Wide Drive

Trotsky, who is president of the Roosevelt School at Hyde Park and former chairman of the ZOA Friendship Food Train, will launch a nation-wide campaign to get tools and industrial equipment for Israeli workers.

Frisch emphasized that the drive would not include any appeal for funds and that it will aim only at getting industrial, agricultural and building equipment, medicine and medical supplies, food and clothing.

Asserting that "tools make jobs," Trotsky said that many of the refugees coming into Israel would be able to work if they had the tools of their trade.

Electricity restrictions in Israel will be lifted by the end of this year when the Palestine Economic Corp. completes installation of a 30,000 kilowatt turbo-generator.

BERLIN OFFICE CLOSES

TEL AVIV—The Berlin Immigration Office will close on December 1. The total number of Jews in Germany now is 40,000, of whom some 10,000 are in Berlin and the Soviet Zone.

The diamond industry in Israel was given an allocation of $700,000 worth of crude stones for October by the London diamond syndicate.

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